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EACH CHRISTMAS brings some new realization of the meaning of God's love. In 1957 I had escaped death in a serious accident, and there was the wonder of life renewed, with the responsibility for fulfilling His purposes. During this 1958 Christmas-tide I am recalling my experiences in Europe and Africa during the summer.

Now I see Bethlehem's star shining over vast areas; over villages and cities, but most of all over peoples—all God's children for whom His Son was sent to reveal a way of life. I sense God's dream that working together we may use His power to transform fears into faith, sorrows into joy, and despair into hope.

May each one search her own soul to discover the special message God has for this Christmas. In the coming year may His will be our purpose, His power our strength, and His love our joy, as we work unitedly in spreading the good news of the Gospel to all mankind.

With appreciation for your cooperative service, I am

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That They May Be One . . .

by GEORGIA HARKNESS

Each day at the Fifth Assembly Dr. Harkness conducted a Bible Study on the Gospel of John. These excerpts are from the final presentation.

JOHN has a most effective way of narrating an incident, and then placing in conjunction with it an affirmation of Jesus regarding his own nature and mission. It is in such a setting that we find most of the great "I am . . ." passages. This gives meaning to the event beyond its bare occurence and vividness to the affirmation.

1. "I am . . ."

We have already looked at one of these. Although it is not stated in exactly the same form as these we shall observe presently the words of Jesus about the living water, of which one may drink and never thirst again, are the equivalent of saying, "I am the water of life."

Bread of Life

In the sixth chapter of John is the story of the feeding of the five thousand. This is given in all four of the gospels, but in John's gospel only do we get the lovely touch that Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, came to Jesus and said, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fishes." The other gospels read as if it were the grown-up disciples who had both the loaves and fishes and the anxiety. You know the story. We pause only to note that it was not until Jesus had given thanks that He distributed the food. How that must have thrilled the lad's heart! And how important it is that Christian families today give thanks before they eat, that the lads around the table may know that Christ is there and that the gifts are God's.

This feeding of the five thousand made Jesus very popular, and he had to withdraw, first to the hills and then across the sea of Galilee, to escape being made a king by force. When the people found Jesus on the other side of the sea, He talked to them about another kind of bread—the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. The discourse comes to its climax in the words, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst" (John 6:35).

Light of the World

The next great "I am . . ." is in the eighth chapter. Here Jesus says, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). This statement is not quite so closely related to the story that illustrates it as was the "bread of life" passage, but it belongs logically with the story of the healing of the man born blind which occupies the whole of the ninth chapter, and it is repeated there (John 9:5). Here we see Jesus healing a poor blind beggar, to the astonishment of the people and the dismay of the Pharisees.

(Read chapter 9.) Note the opposition this aroused. In the first place, Jesus defied the old Hebraic idea that wherever there was suffering, it must be a punishment for sin. Whenever people fall today, as sometimes even Christians do, into the idea that every calamity must be a punishment for sin, Jesus answers this decisively. The blindness had come, he says, neither because of the man's sin nor his parents', but that through it God might become more evident.

I am glad that John gave us this story, with its various stages, for something like this growing insight is the experience of most of us. God works the miracle of healing in us, whether of body or spirit, but we do not understand it all at once. Little by little, perhaps in the face of opposition and sneers, we become convinced that Jesus is the light of the world, until we too are ready to say, "I believe," and worship him as the Lord of life.

Door Good Shepherd

Next come the two great "I ams . . ." of the tenth chapter, both based on the symbolism of the sheepfold. In a figure of speech rather far removed from the noise and bustle of modern life with its speeding automobiles and apartment beehives, but perfectly clear in the simple pastoral setting where Jesus lived, we are told of sheep, and robbers, and hired help, and faithful versus careless and irresponsible shepherds. In this setting Jesus makes two great declarations, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep" (10:7), and again a few verses further on, "I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep" (10:14-15).

Note that here, as in most places in the New Testament, Jesus refers to God as His Father and does not identify himself with the Father. Jesus was the divine Son of God, on that all the New Testament writers agree; but they do not say that the Son was the Father, or that Jesus was God. That idea comes later. Jesus was the door, and to us He still is the door, by whom we come to the Father.

Resurrection and Life

We come now to one of the most precious and comforting of the

"I am . . ." passages. It accompanies the story of the raising of Lazarus in the eleventh chapter. His sister, Martha, grief-stricken, pours out her lament, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" (11:21). How prone we are to say, "If only things had been different, it wouldn't have happened," instead of facing forward! Jesus assures her that her brother will rise again. Martha knows through her Jewish tradition that her brother will rise again in the resurrection, but that is not enough. Like you and me when grief enters our home, she wanted her loved one in the flesh. Jesus at that point said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26). According to the story Lazarus was restored to her, but even had he not been, we may well believe that with this comfort in her heart, life eternal would have been very real to her.

The Vine

This brings us to the last two of these great declaratory affirmations, both of which stand within the Last Supper discourse. In the fifteenth chapter, under the symbolism of the vine and branches, Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). This speaks its own message to us so clearly today that there is little need to elaborate upon it. Ours is a very busy age. Probably no time in the world's history was so full of activities as ours. Many of these are good activities. But are we abiding in Christ, as the branches in the vine? And are we remembering that much of our busyness, apart from Him, is feverish futility? I wonder!

The last "I am . . ." sums up all the others. It stands in the fourteenth chapter, just after Jesus' comforting words about the many rooms in the Father's house, and Jesus' going to prepare a place for those He was so soon to leave. Thomas, the questioner, he who must have everything spelled out and proved, cries out, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (John 14:5). This gives Jesus the supreme occasion to answer, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

And this, packed into ten words when it is translated and fewer in the original, sums up the whole of John's gospel, and the New Testament, and our Christian faith. Christ does not merely point the way; He *is* the way. This word doubtless gave rise to the name by which the earliest Christians were known, those of the Way, as they are called repeatedly in the Book of Acts (Acts 9:2; 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22).

The Gnostics of that day, like many of the intellectuals or pseudo-intellectuals of ours, were trying to find salvation through intricate forms of knowledge that common people could not grasp; Jesus says simply "I am the truth." And as with multitudes of people in our time, there was a feverish quest and a crying out of the soul for happiness and peace of mind; Jesus says, "I am the life." No wonder that these words have been quoted over and over again, and have brought peace and power to millions of persons through the centuries.

2. That they may be one.

Jesus had told the disciples that He must go away and leave them, but the Father would send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to be with them; had warned them that they must expect persecution; had bade them to love Him, and to show their love by keeping His commandments. Though the fourth gospel is far less explicit than the other three about the particular duties of the Christian life, there is both a loving promise and a great, searching demand in the words found in John 15:14.

Jesus promises that the spirit of truth will come, to guide them into all truth, and that through this spirit his followers will do greater works than he. This does not mean, of course, that any works will be greater in quality than His—but how true this prediction has proved, in the spread of His gospel throughout the world with the thousands of churches, schools, and hospitals erected in His name! But He himself must leave them in loneliness, and they must expect to suffer. No words in all literature more movingly express infinite pathos and sublime hope than John 16:32, 33.

Then comes the prayer. With John's masterful attention to detail, we are told that when Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. . . ." We get the picture of the upper room, with the food still on the table; the eleven disciples sitting about it, for Judas had gone out; their faces sober with fear and apprehension, yet lifted with the hope His words had put into their souls; a tumult of emotions in their hearts. What more appropriate thing could Jesus do at that moment than to pray for them? And seeing beyond the little company of the eleven who were there, pray for all those who were to believe in Him through their word?

Again our Lord speaks of eternal life—that life with God which begins here and is endless—and no better statement of it has ever been made than in the words toward the beginning of the prayer—"And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

Jesus gives His account to the Father for the work He had been called to do, and in this He includes His disciples. (Read John 17:6.) What it must have meant to the disciples to hear their Lord say, "I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me,

for they are thine!" (17:9). Of course, the heart of our Lord was big enough to pray for the world, and that comes later, but it is very important at times to pray for particular, beloved persons and not simply for the world in general.

And now comes that great petition which is repeated to a total of four times before the end, "that they may all be one." How our Lord knew the dangers of division and disunity! Already it had entered the little circle in the treachery of Judas. He knew the others might not betray Him, but they might forsake their discipleship to quarrel with one another, and split up into factions. Jesus would not have said this same prayer so many times over had He not known human nature.

John tells us away back in the second chapter that Jesus "knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for He himself knew what was in man" (2:25). This oft-repeated prayer is evidence of it. Skipping the parts in between, let us see how it is stated. (Read 17:11, 20-21, 23.)

What does it mean that Christ's followers may become one? What He says about His own oneness with the Father throws light upon it. His whole calling, and His mission now fulfilled, was to be one with the Father in will and purpose—to think the Father's thoughts and do the Father's will. And to that unity of will and purpose He calls His followers.

There may be an analogy that helps us understand it, though we must not press it too far, in a marriage within two souls, though they remain two, yet become one in intention and desire and a common task of building a Christian home. In the wider family, the community of Christ's followers throughout the earth, we are called to that sort of oneness with Christ as the Head, and the church as His Body. And in a still wider context, the Church must be an agent under God for bringing unity to strife-torn nations through its witness for peace on earth, good will among all men.

I shall not try to spell out how this must be done, for much of our program is aimed in this direction. We all know that too often minor slights and hurt feelings and desire for our own recognition break the unity of a local congregation and even of a Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Years ago, before unification, I found in the "Wise and Otherwise" column of the old *Christian Advocate* this bit of verse:

"But—"

I love Thy Church, O God,
The house of Thine abode.
But while Doc Bright our pastor is,
I'll bear naught of its load.

I thank Thee for my voice
And power to inspire,
But don't expect much help from me
While So-and-so leads the choir.

I love Thy Church, O Lord,
Thy gospel, full and free,
But I will not Thy cause support,
I'm sore at Tessie Lee.

I love Thy Kingdom, Lord,
And for its coming pray.
Prepare a place in heaven for me
But not with Mrs. Gray.

—*Author unknown*

When this happens, we need to hear our Lord praying on that fateful night that those who are to believe in Him through the witness of the disciples "may all be one."

We know, too, that in our beloved Methodist Church there are sometimes deep divisions of opinion. We cannot all think just alike, and God does not expect us to. But we can all—in Paul's words to the Ephesians—"maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3) and together press forward in the Spirit of Christ to the solution of our problems.

Unity

The final unity on earth for which the souls of men are yearning, half-hopefully but perhaps more than half-skeptically, is for the fulfillment of Isaiah's vision of a warless world. (Read Isaiah 2:4.)

How antiquated swords and spears sound in a day of hydrogen bombs and intercontinental ballistic missiles! And how fervently we pray for the day when war itself shall be just as antiquated! The church alone will not bring this to pass, but we as Christians hold in our keeping something of great potency—the gospel of reconciliation and good will which gives political realism to humanitarian service. Not by bombs or rockets or the conquest of outer space, but by concern for persons in mutual respect and the service of the weak by the strong, will peace in a durable sense come on earth. So at this point also, we need to pray and labor in the Spirit of Christ that "they may all be one."

Yet such unity as we long for, in home or church or among the churches or among the nations, does not just happen. It does not come by our lauding it, or simply holding it in our wishful dreams. It comes by labor and love in the Spirit of Christ. It comes by the self-giving of all that we have, in the Way of our Lord. It comes by work, and worship, and witness, and the willingness to leave with God the fruitage of our labors.

So let my last words to you be the last words which John gives us of this great intercessory prayer of our Lord for His disciples, "I made known to them thy name, and I will make it known, that the love with which thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them" (John 17:26). We are told that "when Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples across the Kidron valley, where there was a garden" (18:1). It may be that a garden will await us also. But if it does, we can be assured that there will our Lord Christ be with us, and in Him we shall find our peace.

A STAR SHINES for the NATIONS

by MARIETTA MANSFIELD

THE December night was cold and clear. The villagers sat in their own courtyards warming their hands by slow-burning fires and eating their evening meal. The oxen and cows standing at their troughs nearby munched dry fodder and chewed their cuds. The many dogs had found a warm spot here and there and had curled up to half-sleep.

I wrapped a shawl around my head and shoulders and slipped out of our shed (known as the Miss Sahiba's house because I always stayed there) to stand outside in the crispness of the night. I wanted to be alone for a moment. I wanted to look at the evening star, a symbol of the star that shines for the nations. It hung in the heavens, a great blue-green light; it was a beacon that shone in the velvety smooth sky.

Tara, one of my girls, home for the holidays, came out to join me. She said, "Auntie, the star is beautiful, isn't it?" "Yes," I replied, "Christmas is a beautiful time. People all around the world love Christmas. To think of Christmas is to think of hope, joy, happiness, friendship, and generosity. It is a time of good will and cheer. It is a time when fires blaze. It is a star that shines for the nations. It is the beginning of a new day for mankind. Christmas is an occasion for praise and gladness; it is as a song sung by many voices. "Yes, Auntie, Christmas is not just for one day, is it?"

Together we began to sing a song of Chrismas. Quickly we were joined by the children who sat around us to blend their voices with ours. Soon the gathering place was crowded; men, women, and children—together we sang songs of joy. Someone lighted a bonfire that crackled and blazed to radiate warmth and cheer to bless our evening of fellowship together.

It seemed that we had hardly been asleep when the morning came. "Good morning, Auntijee. Good morning, Teacherjee. *Bara Din Mubarak ho!* A Blessed Christmas!" Again and again the children called out greetings. They danced and ran wild in the joy of Christmas. We sat up in bed and blinked our eyes with amazement that it was morning. There was much to do.

"Auntiejee, Teacherjee, come let us go to the church. We must hang up the flags. It is *The Great Day;* it is Christmas." The children and Tara had cut the many colors of tissue paper into pennant-like flags the day before and had pasted them onto coarse cotton string. These flags which are decoration for any occasion of joy or festivity are the one decoration we use for Christmas in our villages.

The church was ready. I had donned my white clerical robe and black stole and I stood in the open door of the little church wondering where everyone was. The place was quiet, too quiet. Where were the children with their laughter, their chattering? Where was Tara? The atmosphere seemed mysterious; it was expectant. I could see people of other villages dressed in their best clothes coming toward the church. I heard singing.

I looked up to see people coming in a parade to church! From the least to the biggest they marched singing. They were singing a marching song, happiness written across their faces. I think no minister ever welcomed a happier people into God's house. The church

was crowded; they had come in from eight villages of the circuit to worship together. Relatives living in far away villages of other circuits had come also to have a share in our festivities. I had watched our Christmas celebrations over a three-year period grow from a simple prayerlike service until it had become a festival.

The worship service was truly an experience of worship and inspiration. Certainly I was lifted to the heights. There were songs of joy and happiness sung by the children, home from boarding school. They sang of Jesus the Savior; they told us how the shepherds heard the angels sing; how the Wise Men brought gifts; of the brightness of the stars; and of how His star is shining for us. To listen was to rejoice; these our little first-grade children could sing a new song! Their parents beamed with pride to see them dressed in their new clothes standing before the congregation to sing.

As I looked out into the faces of that great crowd of village folk, I heard the angel's song of glad tidings in my own heart. To hear that song was to ponder its meaning; wonderful! This song of gladness is not just for one people; it is not just for one nation or race, but it is a song for all men everywhere. It is not a song just for one day, but it is a song for every day.

"Let us stand," I said, "and affirm our faith." With one accord together we said: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. . . ." For me to hear those words was to be stirred to the depths of my being. As I looked out into their faces I remembered our first service together when I had repeated the creed phrase by phrase to have them repeat it after me. We had traveled the road of learning together. In an atmosphere of reverence and expectancy I humbly took my place in the pulpit.

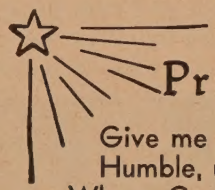
Though my text for that special occasion was an old one, as old as Christianity itself, it is ever new. "There was no room for them in the inn."

After our worship service we invited everybody, nearly two hundred people, to come to our house in the middle of the village for a tea party. It was a gala occasion. To add to the spirit and the gaiety of the party the children home from school dramatized the manger scene and the coming of the Wise Men.

Our week in the village for the festivities of Christmas was over. And Tara and I sat at home in front of a fire that blazed on the hearth? Sitting on a low stool at my knees she looked up into my face and said, "Auntie, Christmas is a beautiful time, isn't it? Wasn't it lovely," she said. "when you baptized the children? They smiled when you took them in your arms. They were happy, too." "It is," I replied, "a great moment to take the little ones into my arms to administer baptism. For me it is always an occasion of awe and humility." "Auntie," Tara laughed, "wasn't it wonderful the way the grown-ups left their work on the day after Christmas to come for sports?" "Yes," I repeated, "it was wonderful. I had expected only the children to come." "But, Auntie," she resumed, "no one had as much fun as the grown-ups. They had not played since they were children."

The fire blazed comfortably. "Auntie, I thank God that you called me to come home this year." I looked down into her sweet face and for me in that moment time moved backwards in its flight. I saw Tara not as a lovely young woman, a teacher; I saw her as a little girl who was homesick to go back to her own village. I reached down and placed my hand on her head and quietly said, "Yes, Tara, Christmas is truly beautiful, and you have helped to make it so." "Come," I added, "let us wrap up warmly and go out into the yard to see the stars."

Christmas was over and in the stillness of the night we stood together to look at the stars. "Look, Auntie," Tara pointed, "His star still shines." "Isn't it wonderful," I said to her that night, "that His star can shine every day in our hearts to cheer us, to encourage us, to keep hope and joy alive in us; and to guide us if we will let it?" No, the star of Christmas is not just for one day; it shines for us every day to light us on our way if we will only look up to see it.



Prayer at Christmas

Give me a manger in my inmost heart,
Humble, unworthy, yet a glowing shrine
Where God's reality fills every part,
Where thought and impulse bear a tinge divine.
Give me an angel's song within my ears;
A song from heavenly source yet hymned through earth,
Of brotherhood, unquenched by blundering years,
Proving divinity in all men's birth.
Give me, o'er the horizon of my soul,
A star to kindle and direct my days:
Essence of that harmonious shining Whole:
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Wise Men, I thus would join you in your quest:
Mary, so share with you your holy Guest.

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Schools in Singapore

celebrate seventy years

by

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Recess at Fairfield Girls' School, Singapore.

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WITHIN the last eighteen months the two pioneer schools for girls in Singapore celebrated their seventieth anniversary. The story of their early years and their founder, Miss Sophia Blackmore, was told in drama and song and by noteworthy tributes of alumni during the celebrations.

Two outstanding women are principals of these two schools: Mrs. Ellice Handy of the Methodist Girls' School and Mrs. Lim Bock Kee of the Fairfield Girls' School.

In 1887 Methodist Girls' High School was opened in a small shop house with nine Indian girls. The next year, 1888, in the Chinese area of the city a widow offered the front room of her home for the eight Chinese girls who became the first students of Fairfield Girls' School. Today each of these schools has an enrollment of more than 1,500 with a waiting list of girls whom they must turn away.

At the celebration ceremonies both of these principals paid tribute to the early missionaries who made possible these centers of education. Mrs. Handy told the story of Sophia Blackmore in her message.

Beginnings

Seventy years ago people in Singapore did not want education for their girls, but Mr. William Oldham who had established a school for boys in 1886 decided that their sisters also should be educated. He needed a woman missionary and appealed to Dr. Parker in India to release Miss Sophia Blackmore, a young Australian woman who had just arrived there, for work in Singapore: "We have money for women's work but no worker has yet been found. If you think Miss Blackmore suitable for North India we would like her for Singapore, but if you have no use for her, neither have we."

The outcome was the appointment of Miss Sophia Blackmore to Singapore in 1886. But when Mr. Oldham suggested to the Chinese gentlemen whom he was teaching (and some of them had sons studying in the school that later became the Anglo-Chinese School) that they should give their daughters an education too, there was no response.

"Education is for boys," they said, "not for girls. It wouldn't do to have our daughters cleverer than our sons!"

Of her first year in Singapore Sophia Blackmore wrote, "I felt like a child trying to sew without a knot in her thread, yet there were wonderful openings." One was the request of some Indian gentlemen for a school for their daughters. So on August 15, 1887, a very humble beginning was made that through the years became the Methodist Girls' School.

The early years were very difficult, because of the prejudice against the education of girls, insufficient funds, the difficulty of finding trained teachers, and as enrollment increased, the problem of accomodation. But hardships challenged the early principals to find solutions for their problems and so the school grew, moving from one place to another, until today the whole school is on the site where Miss Sophia Blackmore and so many of the past principals lived for many years. No wonder some "old girls" who visit the school remark that the spirit of Miss Sophia Blackmore is in Methodist Girls' School.

Mrs. Handy said: "As we look back on the years that have passed —seventy of them—we realize that what we are today is the result of the vision of the pioneer Methodist missionaries and the work they and the teachers of Methodist Girls' School have done all these seven decades to make that vision a reality.

"We pay tribute today to all past principals and to teachers, past and present, who have had a share not only in the erection of this hard work, but in building the spirit of the school. We thank God for the influence of these devoted women on the lives of all who have studied here through the years. These people shall be remembered by their contribution to society long after their names are forgotten."

FORTH in THY NAME WE GO

by

MARY ANN DOUGHTON

THE 1958 group of U.S.-2's was made up of twenty-two college graduates from sixteen states who were eager to serve in various home mission areas. The six-week-period of intensive study at National College prepared the members of the group to take their places as workers in rural churches, as group workers, in community centers, as dietitians or counselors in children's homes or as teachers in mission schools.

When they reached Kansas City, Missouri, on July 19, there were many questions to be answered—questions about their church, their faith, the places where they would be going, the work they would be doing and problems that might confront them as they prepared for their new jobs. It could not be said that every question was answered during the training period, but all traveled a long way in their thinking.

Through classes and workshops, all were challenged to think through more clearly what they believed, and to realize the specific skills needed in order to work with both groups and individuals. Under the leadership of Mrs. Rudy Rensvold in the area of recreation and crafts, Miss Carolyn Grisham in social group work, Mrs. Vernon Bradley in Christian education, and Dr. John Johannaber in the basic Christian faith, time spent in class was inspiring and enlightening. Classes were both meaningful and vital since the concepts and ideas brought out in them gave a sense of urgency as each one thought of ways in which they would be of immediate practical use.

Various visitors and guests came to share of their experience and skills. Several of the 1957 U.S.-2's—Pat Bennett, Joel Nimon, June McIntosh, Helen Jordan, Janice Closson—shared real life experiences with those who were going to be doing the same kind of work. Staff members from the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service also spent some time at the training program, giving guidance and helpful insights regarding the nature of the work that stretched ahead. Those who visited were Mrs. Mabel Wagner, Urban Work; Miss Cornelia Russell, Town and Country Work; Miss Emma Burris, Social Welfare and Medical Work; and Mrs. Iona Henry, Educational Institutions. Other guests from the Board of Missions included Miss Jane Stentz, associate secretary for Missionary Personnel and Mr. Leonard Perryman, associate director of News Service.

Miss Helen Fennema from the faculty of Harwood Girls' School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, spent some time with those anticipating

The spacious living room in Schoellkoff Hall at National College was an ideal setting for small discussion groups.

service in educational institutions. Miss Leone Lemons, a rural worker highly skilled in the field of music, came to share insights regarding the best in music, and to broaden understanding in the use of the *Methodist Hymnal* in worship. The understanding of the structure and functions of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was clarified and broadened when Miss Catherine Ezell, coordinator of the Holston Valley Rural Work, set up a meeting of the executive committee of a local Woman's Society of Christian Service. Others, too, came for short periods of time to help in the widening of the horizons of knowledge and understanding of the work to be anticipated through the U.S.-2 program.

Close to all throughout the time of training was Miss Alpharetta Leeper, secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, who was director of the program. She guided the thinking and helped make the program meaningful. Miss Christine Brewer, group worker from Southside Community Center in San Marcos, Texas, co-ordinated the many activities and trips which were planned during the six weeks of study and training.

While in Kansas City, several local places of interest were visited, including the Nelson Art Gallery, Unity Village, and the Auditorium of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. These visits provided much to note and compare. The group also visited the Della C. Lamb Community Center and the Spofford Children's Home, two of the mission projects sponsored by the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Tour

The special four-day tour took the group to Little Rock, Arkansas; Memphis, Tennessee; and St. Louis, Missouri. During the trip, they visited two churches where rural workers shared interesting aspects of their work, and gave members of the group opportunity to tell the people the nature and extent of the U.S.-2 program. At Little Rock it was a thrilling experience to visit at Aldersgate, a camp where persons of all races can come together for fellowship and study. In Memphis and St. Louis clearer pictures were revealed of the work being done in community centers across the country.

The group returned to Kansas City inspired by seeing how the workers in home mission projects seek to meet the needs of those whom they serve. Further, they were impressed by the way in which the work presents a challenge to all of those who are willing to accept it. Each saw how he could dedicate his or her life to service for Christ through serving his fellow man; and through this bond of Christian fellowship, gain a sense of oneness of purpose and a deep humility in the knowledge that Christ could use each one for His cause and purpose.

Growth Experiences

Experiences of worship were important since they brought to focus those forces which do much in the deepening of the spiritual lives of all. Vesper services and morning watch gave to each a chance to share in the preparation and leadership of some of the services. There was also growth through the sharing of experiences which were most meaningful to different individuals. Methodist churches in Kansas City invited the group to worship with them, thus enriching the lives of all through a variety of experiences.

One Sunday toward the end of the training period, the group was divided into deputation teams. Each team planned a church service and/or led church-school classes through which they had opportunity to tell about the U.S.-2 program, emphasizing the responsibilities of the local churchman in the mission program of the church. After church, members of the team had dinner with the young people at the church or were invited to have dinner in the homes of church families. This was the first year that U.S.-2's have done deputations as a part of the training program, and they found it to be a rich opportunity through which to witness for a program and a Christ in whom they believe.

Throughout the weeks of training, there were many opportunities for fun and fellowship together. Each day offered something new to share and enjoy. Informal conversations helped the members to know each other better. In playing together, they were united in group spirit; but at the same time, shared and practiced new skills in recreation. In fact, one happy event was a banquet which all helped to plan and carry out.

Evaluation

In order to understand the nature and extent of personal growth and to point up the meaning which the training experience had for the members of the group, a day of evaluation was held at a camp nearby. As each participated by lifting up significant experiences or by making suggestions for future programs, each realized more than ever the extent of the program and of their inability to express in adequate terms the depth of meaning which it had held for all.

To close the training period, there was a candlelight dedication service in the chapel on the evening of August 29. The impact of the dedication was made very real at this time, for as the service closed, all went their separate ways toward the projects in which they were to serve. And as they left, they heard ringing in their hearts the words of their hymn of dedication:

"Forth in Thy name, O Lord I go,
My daily labor to pursue,
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think, or speak, or do!

"The task Thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works Thy presence find,
And prove Thy good and perfect will."

U. S.-2's

Since the first of September, twenty-one young women and one young man have been working at various places throughout the United States as special-term home missionaries of The Methodist Church. These young people, known as U.S.-2's, are giving two years to Methodist home mission service. All but one are working under the Woman's Division of Christian Service; one is working under the Division of National Missions. The work they are doing falls under four general categories: educational work, medical and social welfare work, town and country work, and urban work. The U.S.-2's received special training for their jobs as home missionaries during a six-week orientation course at National College, Kansas City, Missouri, last summer.

One phase of the orientation program was a class in Christian education (shown here), taught by Mrs. Vernon Bradley, whose husband is the director of the Yuma Methodist Mission, Yuma, Arizona. The class included:

Left to right around table: Laura Wells, Auxier, Kentucky, to Hayesville, North Carolina, for rural work; Anna Dell McDaniel, Beaumont, Texas, to Holding Institute, Laredo, Texas; Esther Hartsoe, Warrensville, North Carolina, to Blairsville, Georgia, for rural work; Sarah Casey, Wingate, Texas, to Cleveland, Tennessee, for rural work; Barbara Wyatt, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, to the Ethel Harpst Home, Cedartown, Georgia; Anna Mary Metzel, Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Bethlehem Center, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Mary Lou Foster, Point, Texas, to Sulligent, Alabama, for rural work; Anita Benoy, Gastonia, North Carolina, to Mt. Airy, North Carolina, for rural work; Helen Overcash, Kannapolis, North Carolina, to Central City, Kentucky, rural work; Jane Keesling, Middletown, Indiana, to Hilltonia, Georgia, rural work; Jean Griffith, Atlanta, Georgia, to Carthage, North Carolina, rural work; Carolyn Grisham, director of Bethlehem Center, Chattanooga, Tennessee (staff); Alpharetta Leeper, New York, a secretary of Missionary Personnel for the Woman's Division and director of the training program; Mary Ann Conway, Kirkwood, Illinois, Holding Institute; Elsie Louthan, Bertrand, Nebraska, Allen High School, Asheville, North Carolina; Carrie Myrick, Jamestown, Louisiana, to Bethlehem Center, Memphis, Tennessee; Christine Brewer, deaconess at Southside Community House, San Marcos, Texas (staff); Nancy Matthews, Conway Springs, Kansas, to Lucy Holt Moore Community Center, Nashville, Tennessee; Bessie Conner, Gloucester Point, Virginia, to Harwood Girls' School, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Jo Ann Meadows, Deming, New Mexico, to Valley Institute, Pharr, Texas; Mary Ann Doughton, Albany, Oregon, to Frances DePauw Home, Hollywood, California; Mary Lou Egert, Morristown, New Jersey, to Harwood Girls' School; Joy Brand, Pine Grove, West Virginia, to Houma, Louisiana, rural work; David Schmidt, Pana, Illinois, to Marcy Center, Chicago, Illinois.

Not present for picture: Mary Sue Thompson, Atlanta, Georgia, to Henderson Settlement, Frakes, Kentucky.

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CHRISTMAS in New Mexico

by
MRS. CAREY O. MILLER

OUR 1957 Christmas card was mailed from Albuquerque, New Mexico. A huge white yucca with its racemiferous flower and rigid pointed leaves was pictured against the turquoise sky. The message read:

Candles of the Lord
Erect against blue skies
Bespeak the Peace of Christmas
And a faith that never dies.

And so it was! My husband and I left our home in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to spend the holidays with our daughter and her husband who live on Sandia Base in Albuquerque. We crossed 2,218 miles of the United States via railroads.

Bataan Memorial Hospital

Our first morning in Albuquerque found us on the way by car to Bataan Memorial Methodist Hospital at 5700 Gibson Boulevard. We could see the hospital from the front window of our daughter's home. And it seemed near enough for us to walk to it. Such is the mirage of the desert, for it was a fifteen-minute ride. Arriving there we met Mr. Maurice Shaw, the acting administrator of the hospital and his very friendly secretary, Miss Marie Butt.

Everyone starting out as a housekeeper knows how much time, money, and effort goes into furnishings, so it is easy to imagine the tremendous task in equipping a hospital. This hospital is a monument to Methodist womanhood—the plaque in the beautiful lobby points that out to every visitor. The manger scene and luminarios on the lawn and walks leading to the building and the gaily trimmed tree inside told of the efforts of local women who lent a hand. Since our return home, through the generosity of Grace Methodist Church women, we have sent six seersucker robes and six pairs of cute bedroom slippers for the children who come to Bataan's children's ward.

Harwood Girls' School

Harwood School was next on our list. We traveled across Albuquerque, passing old and new architecture, until we finally arrived at 1114 North Seventh Street to park our car before this rambling school building which had its beginning in 1880. Inside we were immediately greeted by Miss Dorothy Watson, the school's gracious superintendent. How lucky Harwood is to have her!

If only Harwood's walls could tell the things they have heard! Of course, the walls would be those of more than one building; the present one has been used since 1925. We peeped into the parlor where girls—Indian, Mexican, Negro, Oriental, and white—were "emoting" into a tape recorder with the seriousness of Broadway thespians. (They were preparing their Christmas production.) We walked through halls where murals drawn by childish artists lined the walls, telling the Christmas story with a taste of the Southwest.

Our house tour took us into the dining room with its family-style tables and the green-thumbed window sills; into the pantry with its piles of plastic "china"; into the kitchen where motherly cooks were frying mountains of club steaks. We went into the sparkling new home economic department where a pretty U.S.-2 was marking note book reports; in the art studio where girls were creating masterpieces of copper and oil on canvas; into the durable but far from modern laundry; into the gym and shower rooms. We visited the chapel where the walls bulge when the town's people come to Harwood programs and we went up steps to the halls lined with class rooms where tiny tots sang "Jesus Loves Me, 'Bliss' I Know" and "Adestes Fidelis" with "Oh, Come Please Let Us Hold Him" and fifth-graders said with toothy grins, "Harrisburg is the capital of Pennsylvania." We continued our tour into the dormitory with its regimented wash cloths and towels and beds and bureaus and then went down to the first floor where we stood before the clothes-hanger Christmas tree made of Yuletide Greetings. At its base were the white gifts—Harwood's Gift to Bisti.

Navajo Mission School

Two days later we started for the Navajo Methodist Mission School at Farmington, New Mexico. It was a two-hundred mile drive and took us four and a half hours. But it was worth every mile and minute. We saw ancient pueblos; Indian families riding in

their turquoise blue trucks (the Navajo believes turquoise blue insures Divine protection. Mother Earth threw a big piece of turquoise up to Father Sky and he placed it in the sky—we call it the sun). We saw the animal shelters made of poles holding up roofs of straw where cattle huddle together, chickens squawked as they sought food on the roof, lambs cried for their mothers, and with a donkey to complete the picture of manger scenes seen on Christmas cards. Oil wells were silhouetted against the sky and Indian Trading Posts dotted the horizon.

Finally the entrance to the Mission School loomed before us. We parked by the office building but no one was in sight. Across the campus we saw ten little Indian girls on a porch swing. We hurried to them and asked if we could take a few pictures to show the children back in Pennsylvania.

I explained that we wanted to go to Bisti, but that our car couldn't make the trip. Ten brown little faces lit up and ten little heads nodded as Rita Charlie said, "We are from Bisti!"

In a few minutes Miss Doris Bloomster chugged up in the Bisti blue truck. She thanked me for the thirty-six little toy trucks that Grace Church had sent to the children of Bisti. We took pictures to our hearts' content outside and inside the beautiful chapel. The girls sang in English and Navajo and I played the piano for them "with both hands and all of my fingers." It was a glorious time for all my family. But my cup ran over when my new-found friend Rita Charlie called from her blanket in the back of the truck, "Good-by, Smiling Lady, come again next Christmas!" It may not be at Christmas time, but God willing I shall go back!

Christmas is the holy birthday of the Prince of Peace, not just a day of secular celebration.

What can individuals and groups do to preserve *Christmas for Christ?* Here are a few suggestions:

You can encourage your organization, church group, Bible classes and club, to work for a renewed emphasis on *Christmas for Christ.*

You can encourage business firms to hold "spiritsless" Christmas parties. Many business firms and government officers purposely omit all alcoholic beverages from their Christmas office or business parties.

You can help discourage the giving of alcoholic beverages as Christmas gifts.

You can work for highway safety by discouraging holiday drinking and driving. *Safety demands sober drivers.*

You can use and encourage others to use *Christmas for Christ* materials of the Methodist Board of Temperance wherever possible.

—Caradine R. Hooton

Summer Work

by BARBARA FIRL

Miss Firl, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, was assigned to Bancroft-Taylor Rest Home in Ocean Grove, New Jersey, as a summer service worker in the new infirmary for retired missionaries and deaconesses.

AS A SUMMER service worker, I filled in for the rest of the staff on their days off. The patients were not seriously ill, but they did need someone to aid and watch them. Three ladies were in the infirmary mainly for the convenience of location and help in dressing and eating. Two others disoriented as to time and place were certainly a challenge in nursing care.

As for patients in the main wing, I was able to give injections for diabetes, but Miss Schwarz, R.N., took the responsibility of visiting the women in their rooms when necessary.

My fellow co-workers were helpful and patient with me. While I was being oriented they helped me as much as possible and cooperated wholeheartedly.

During my spare time I was able to catch up on some reading, watch television, go walking, or go to the beach. In general I had an all-around vacation with just the right amount of work to round it out. At first the town seemed awfully quiet when compared with the noise of the city, but soon the quietness and calmness soothed me. I was also fortunate to be able to go to the auditorium in the early season and join in the singing as a member of the choir.

Most of all, though, Christ has been able to speak to me through nature and the discipleship of the women at Bancroft-Taylor. My convictions have been clarified, making my spirit more joyful. God's watchfulness, patience, and love does certainly pervade the infirmary and I thank God for this opportunity to serve Him.

BROTHERHOOD THROUGH . .

Impressions of the 14th World Convention on Christian Education

Enriching Fellowship

by PEARLE McCAIN

MORE than 4,000 delegates from sixty-four countries attended the World Convention on Christian Education in Tokyo, August 6-13. This was the largest Christian meeting ever held in Japan. Newspapers gave good coverage, so all Japan knew something about the convention. From eight to ten thousand people attended the evening sessions held in Tokyo Sports Arena. The day sessions were in Aoyama Gakuin, the large Christian university supported by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The program included lectures, discussions, exhibits of materials and group meetings of various kinds. First night high points were the presentation of the World Friendship Book and the procession of representatives from the sixty-four nations, dressed in national costumes.

On Asian Night, Bishop Shot K. Mondol of India spoke on "The Sunday School in the Church"; on European Night, Bishop Otto Dibelius of East Germany, on "Totalitarian Youth Training—A Challenge to the Church"; on Latin American Night, Professor G. Baes-Carmago of Mexico, on "A Theology for Christian Education"; on African Night, Professor Christian Baeta of Ghana, on "Christian Education in a Revolutionary World"; on South Pacific Night, Rev. John Havea of Tonga, on "The Living Christ at Dawn in the Pacific"; on North American Night, Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, on "Evangelism Through Christian Education." On Youth Night the theme was "The Uncertainties of Life and the Certainties of Faith." On Saturday afternoon there was a children's rally, attended by 5,500 Sunday-school children from all parts of Japan. It was thrilling to see them and to think of all the children whom they were representing in Sunday schools throughout the land. The rally ended with a message read by one of the Sunday-school boys in which he said, "The teaching of Jesus is the only way to save Japan and the world. To make Japan's Sunday schools better we will strive to become fine students. We will go hand in hand with children throughout the world and are willing to dedicate our body and mind to our Lord, Jesus Christ."

During five days of the convention there was a "Japan Christian Exhibition" in Mitsukoshi Department Store (one of the largest department stores in Tokyo). Through pictures, manuscripts, documents, and other visual materials the history of Christianity in Japan was depicted and something of the influence it has had on Japanese culture and life. The exhibit occupied quite a large amount of space and was seen by thousands of Japanese, as well as by many of the people who were attending the convention.

Every day I rejoiced in the opportunity of becoming acquainted with so many fine people from all over the world. I have had the privilege in years past, also, of knowing many fine persons of other countries and races and I count it one of life's greatest blessings. I wish that everyone had the opportunity to know—to really know—people of other races. Or, I should say, I wish all would take advantage of their opportunities: not one of us is far, geographically speaking, from people of other races. Our American heritage is from so many nations and races and so many have recently come to America from other lands that all who really desire to do so can become acquainted with people of different backgrounds. We miss much, as individuals, as states, as nations, when we do not have real fellowship with people of other races and nationalities and when we do not see to it that all people everywhere have an opportunity to develop their talents and abilities and to contribute their best to society.

The fellowship, the inspiration, the exchange of experiences and ideas, the knowledge and new insights gained, the spirit of rededication will mean much to Christian work, especially in the field of Christian education, in Japan and in other lands.

Miss Elizabeth Stinson, secretary of Missionary Education, and Miss Mona Kewish, secretary of Children's Work, also attended this convention. Read Miss Stinson's travelogue, page 34 of this issue, and Miss Kewish's report on page 40 of the November issue.

Participation—A Privilege

by JENNY LIND

FOR months before the 14th World Convention on Christian Education met at our Methodist Aoyama Gakuin during the second week in August, preparations were going on day and night, literally. At night the windows blazed with light in rooms where floors and walls were chiseled away and new ones made. A paraphrase of II Corinthians 7:11 might read:

> What repairs were wrought in buildings, what cleaning of rooms and halls, what face-lifting of fronts and entrances, and what much-needed resurfacing of roads on the campus, and with what pride did we view the result of all the vehement desire and zeal expended!

Even the weather favored the first few days with cooling showers and breezes. Registration time was an opportunity for meeting old friends and aiding strangers. The campus was alive with students and others keeping refreshment stands, news tables, information desks, guiding, advising, and being generally efficient and cheerful. Buses brought delegates from their hotels and that added to the busy, crowded atmosphere created by the thousands who attended the sessions for addresses and discussions during the day and the great assemblies at the Tokyo Sports Arena in the evening.

Again and again, I was reminded of the words of our Lord: "And they shall come from the east and from the west, and from the north and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God." At times during the discussion periods when our hearts were open to one another, or to God at worship time, it seemed a foretaste of that kingdom joy and blessing.

The theme of the conference, "Christ Is the Way, the Truth, and the Life," attracted the attention of a man who saw no meaning to life. He ventured into one of the evening meetings. What he saw and heard made him decide not to end it all. Another, suffering from an inferiority feeling about his race, was encouraged and uplifted to see on the speaker's platform a man darker than anyone he had ever seen. Color and race meant nothing; the favorite and most prominent speakers were from Asia and Africa, largely. The Europeans and Americans kept in the background, somewhat, as was fitting.

In the welcome address Dr. Nelson Chappel gave the reasons why Japan was chosen as the site of the World Convention. First, because of the invitation of the National Council of Churches to share in the celebration of the centenary of Protestant Christianity; second, because Japan, with its mixture of Eastern and Western cultures, is a natural bridge between them, and because of the "vast revolutionary changes" in the world since the close of the last war. He said that half of the people on this earth live under a different constitution than they knew in 1945. In Japan there is a more peaceful setting at present than in most Asian countries. It seemed very significant that the delegates from southeast Asia could meet in peace and brotherhood with the Japanese.

Time would fail me to tell of the procession of delegates in costume from over sixty countries, of the presentation of the World Friendship Book, of the inspiring speakers from all the continents and representing all races, of the truly wonderful children's rally when 5,500 boys and girls from all parts of Japan gathered and enjoyed the fine program in perfect order. What a picture they made, with the green convention neckerchiefs, giving the effect of waves over the whole arena!

And what can I say of the youth service on Sunday evening, portraying "The Uncertainties of Life and the Certainties of Faith"; of the choir led by Mrs. Rosa Page Welch and the festival choir of 700 children, led by the composer-conductor who wrote the convention hymn; of the Governor's reception; of the reunions of American university and seminary students; of the denominational gatherings; and of the closing meeting ending with the *Hallelujah Chorus* and the tenderly solemn singing by the whole convention as delegates seemed reluctant to leave the place hallowed by the glowing white cross?

This convention was the center and crown of the summer's activities, and when it was over we felt a sense of gratitude for the privilege of participating in its varied periods of worship, discussion, inspirational addresses, and fellowship.

Exceptional Persons . . .

they need the church, too

by VIRGIL E. FOSTER

NO ONE is harder to find, or duller when he is found, than the "average man." Most persons are "exceptional" in that they digress from the "average" or "norm," have unique problems as individuals, and fail at some points to fit into the blur of normalcy that everyone expects everyone but himself to fit. It is when a person's "exceptionality" causes him to break aggressively with the social patterns or makes it difficult for him to conform to them that he becomes the object of concern as an "exceptional person." His need for special attention may result from unusual mental gifts; from frustration bringing on emotional disturbance and rebellion; or from a physical or mental impairment. Whatever the condition, such an individual must be understood and appreciated first of all as a person if he is to be understood as one who needs special attention to his exceptional needs.

Centuries ago handicapped persons were rejected and put to death. Later there was a time when people made sport of them. Slowly through the years, their worth as persons has come to be appreciated. The right of persons who have handicaps or exceptional gifts to fill a respected and valued role in society without being a problem is at last coming to be recognized. Increasingly they are being given education or special training, vocational opportunity, and a place of recognition in the community.

The Christian church has helped to bring about this change in attitude, through its emphasis on the worth of persons. Yet, the church is still failing at many points in its program to act in accord with its own historic conscience in the matter.

There is a growing restlessness about this failure. Last year, consultation on the church's responsibility to exceptional persons was called by the National Council of Churches. It was attended by about fifty representatives of denominational departments of Christian education, councils of churches, and agencies working with exceptional persons.

It was agreed that the need for a better ministry to exceptional persons is universal. Nearly every church and community include persons who have weak hearts or are hard of hearing, blind, or crippled, and others who are mentally retarded.

Representatives of the agencies felt that churches are doing more than is usually recognized in serving exceptional persons, and that a better reporting of these efforts, in itself, would be of great value. Yet, there are many ways in which churches could make a more effective adaptation of their activities to special needs.

In presentations and discussions in the plenary sessions and in the work groups, attention was given first to understanding the needs to be met, then to preparing recommendations for members of the consultation and all who share their concern.

Principles to Remember

The insights shared concerning exceptional persons may be summarized in six principles which were lifted up.

1. Exceptional persons are more like than unlike other persons. Their personal needs are essentially the same as those of all other persons except that in many cases these needs have become increased through society's failure to meet them or through physical or mental impairment of the individual. Exceptional persons need to love and be loved, to have acceptance and respect from their fellows, to have education suited to their needs, to have opportunity to use their talents to fullest possible capacity in the interest of themselves and of others, to have opportunity for spiritual development, and to be identified with a church. These and other needs they have in common with all persons.

2. The psychological handicaps imposed upon exceptional persons are often more serious than the physical or mental impairments. The barriers to communication and fellowship raised by those who fail to understand and accept them bring to exceptional persons a sense of frustration which in itself is damaging and which may aggravate the basic impairment.

3. Physically and mentally impaired persons have capacities for useful living far beyond what is usually understood. Many of them, with proper training and education, can fill significant occupational, social, and religious roles.

4. Though the basic needs of exceptional persons are the same as those of all persons, the meeting of their needs is usually more difficult and calls for special effort on the part of churches, schools, and other agencies. One of the greatest needs is for the respect and acceptance of everyone. Those who work with exceptional persons

in Christian education, as well as in secular education, should have special training and skill.

5. When abnormal behavior develops on the part of an exceptional person it is to be understood not as an inevitable factor of the handicap but as a way of life being worked out in the struggle for normal satisfactions. It is likely to be a response to the psychological barriers confronting the person, fully as much as a response to his basic handicap.

6. One of the embarrassing barriers with which many churches confront physically handicapped persons is the inaccessibility of their buildings. Long flights of steps in front and stairs within prevent many persons not ordinarily thought of as exceptional (those with weak hearts, for instance) from participation in church activities. This is being overcome in many new buildings, but many churches with older buildings have not yet made the necessary adaptations to handicapped persons.

Recommendations

The consultation opened with plenary sessions at which the programs carried on by agencies working with exceptional persons were interpreted. Then the delegates divided into several groups for intensive work in specified areas of the church's work with exceptional persons. The results of this intensive work were shared with all and discussed in further plenary sessions. From these discussions certain recommendations were lifted for special emphasis. Important among them were the following:

1. It is important that a church establish communication with the families in its community that have members with physical or mental handicaps. Often such a family has a sense of embarrassment, fears that the handicapped member will be subjected to ridicule if he attempts to participate in church activities, and is uninformed as to how to secure the special help needed. Parents may even fear that their child's handicap is punishment for some sin they may have committed. A church can often be of great service to a family by extending understanding friendship and assistance.

2. In extending this friendly counseling church leaders should have a clear understanding of the responsibilities of society to exceptional persons. Families are unaware sometimes of the services they have every right to expect from the community or state. An informed church can help families avail themselves of these services.

3. It is suggested that churches consider public interpretation as one of their most important responsibilities. Great progress has been made in the understanding and serving of exceptional persons. Yet there is a constant need for interpretation that will help people achieve an understanding of the handicapped as real persons, with more normal than abnormal characteristics, and needing acceptance and respect as persons most of all.

4. Whenever possible it is recommended that exceptional persons be assimilated into regular groups in the church. Adaptations of program need to be made when an attempt to participate without these special provisions would bring threat of failure or embarrassment. Except for these necessary adaptations, exceptional persons should be encouraged to participate normally.

5. It must be recognized that in individual cases an exceptional person is not ready for assimilation. An attempt to participate in an active group life would be dangerous or would expose the person to inevitable failure and embarrassment. Yet, in a protected environment the person may develop rapidly. For these persons, it is recommended that a church, or churches working in cooperation, provide the special groups needed, so that spiritual and social opportunities may be available to all.

6. It is recommended that churches take seriously the training of leaders for work with exceptional persons. There are two facets of this need. Inasmuch as basic human needs are the same with all persons, and most persons are exceptional to some degree, all leaders should be given more thorough training in the understanding of persons and their needs. There is also need for leaders trained for special responsibilities with exceptional persons, to work with them either within regular groups or in special groups.

7. Exceptional persons need a sense of being a part of a church, even if they are unable to participate in its regular activities. The church's responsibility goes beyond "service to" exceptional persons. Relationships should be made possible in which the individual can be a vital part of the church and its fellowship, however complete or limited may be his physical participation. Through private or family devotions, study, pastoral calls, and in many cases actual church work that can be done at home, many handicapped persons have had meaningful identification with a church.

STORIES OF THE WORK

This article by Dr. Foster, editor of the *International Journal of Religious Education,* introduces a subject that is receiving increasing attention from church groups.

In many of the projects maintained by the Woman's Division of Christian Service workers are meeting the special needs of exceptional persons. Several specific illustrations are reported by the executive secretaries in the Nineteenth Annual Report, *Mission and Witness,* which will be ready for distribution in January, 1959. Order your copy from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Price, $1.00.

Cornerstone Laying Ceremony . . .

Interchurch Center— Our New Home

In September, 1957, the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions gave final approval to lease three floors in the Interchurch Center now under construction on Riverside Drive and 120th Street, New York City.

THREE executives of the Woman's Division of Christian Service don robes they wore in the procession of church dignitaries October 12 at the cornerstone-laying ceremony of the new Interchurch Center in New York City. The Woman's Division was one of several agencies represented in the procession of 300 leaders of thirty-seven Protestant and Orthodox denominations. The Interchurch Center, now under construction, will house the executive offices of the Woman's Division, four other Methodist agencies, the National Council of Churches and other denominational and interdenominational church agencies. The cornerstone was laid by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and various high church officials.

The Woman's Division executives shown are (left to right) Mrs. Porter Brown, new treasurer; Miss Thelma Stevens, executive secretary of the Department of Christian Social Relations, and Miss Emma Burris, executive secretary for Social Welfare and Medical Work of the Department of Work in Home Fields. They put on their robes in the Union Theological Seminary. In the background are some of the banners of the thirty-seven denominations, which are members of the National Council. The banners were carried in the procession.

The steel work for the Interchurch Center is expected to be completed November 15 and cement work December 15. It is now estimated that the first tenant occupancy will be September 1, 1959; the next October 1, 1959; and the entire building will be completed December 1, 1959.

Commitment Sunday

DECEMBER 7

In the Calendar of Activities on page 31, the notation for secretaries of Christian Social Relations reads:

"Encourage the church-wide observance of Commitment Sunday."

This year the General Board of Temperance has added a new feature —a Commitment Check List. This check list, designed to broaden the scope of Commitment Day, may be ordered from the headquarters of the Board of Temperance, The Methodist Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington 2, D. C.

Measure your concern by checking the action steps below. As a demonstration of my concern for persons I will:

☐ Urge the principal of my school to include adequate alcohol education in the curriculum.

☐ Support a local committee on alcoholism.

☐ Help the local recreation department provide better alcohol-free facilities for youth.

☐ Befriend the family of an alcoholic.

☐ Make a personal decision not to drink.

☐ Urge my local newspaper, radio and television stations to refuse alcohol advertising and inform the public about alcohol problems.

☐ Inform myself about alcohol problems by reading a book or two.

☐ Urge my church group, club, PTA, or professional association to study the problem of alcoholism.

☐ Never drink and drive.

☐ Provide an alcohol-free atmosphere in my home.

department of CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Dear Friends:

Again the Christmas season approaches, and Christians everywhere face a world overshadowed with fear of war, disrupted traditions and culture patterns, new expressions of nationalism, and a determined cry for freedom such as peoples have never heard. Surely the message of 2,000 years ago, announcing the birth of the Christ Child, holds the key for Christians as we face our troubled world, and work for "peace among men."

During the past months the headlines across the world have pointed up our own national issues of racial segregation symbolized by Arkansas and Virginia. In other headlines we have been reminded of world crises in which our own U.S. foreign policy played a large part, often causing grave questions in the minds of many peoples of the world. These world-shaking issues within and outside of our own nation have pin-pointed with new urgency the need for Christians to make their voices heard. The following specific suggestions may be useful:

1. The fall elections are over. Our Senators and Representatives for the *86th Congress* have been elected. Some of them are *new*. Others have a "record" of attitudes and actions in facing issues in Congress. The January, 1959, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN will contain a brief review of the 85th Congress and an indication of a few of the big issues that will receive attention in the 86th Congress. You may wish to plan toward some "citizenship brunches" where these issues can be discussed as a way of orienting your group as to *what* the issues are and *how* individuals can make their opinions known at the proper time and place. In addition to THE METHODIST WOMAN for January you may wish to secure the following from Literature Headquarters:

***A Political Action Handbook.* 10 cents.**
***Your Vote Counts If—.* Free.**
***Register Christian Opinion.* (Note the 1959 edition will be available in February, 1959). 10 cents.**
***Activities for 1958-59.* Free.**
***The Modern Samaritan.* 35 cents.**
***Memo.* (an informal report on national legislation, issued twice a month except during August and September). The Washington Office of the National Council of Churches, 122 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D. C. $1.00 per year.**
***Your U.N. Worked for Peace, 1957-58.* Free.**
***A Guide for Citizenship Brunches.* 10 cents.**
***Place Mats.* 3 cents each; 10 for 25 cents.**

2. The following pages in this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN provide valuable suggestions and resources for use with your study "Understanding Other Cultures." These pages also will be helpful to families seeking concrete ways of bringing understanding of other nations and peoples into the daily experiences of their children. In this connection *The Christian Home* is a valuable magazine and some issues contain additional resources for use of families seeking to build world understanding.

3. The Third National Methodist Conference on Family Life called for specific activities as a follow-up. You may wish to consult your pastor as to how your Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild can be of the greatest help as organizations in the local church. The following special resources may be useful at this point:

(a) The Conference Study Booklet on "Faith, Freedom and The Family," with the supplement coming out of the conference. This booklet may be secured from the Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn.

(b) Nora Stirling's play "The Second Look." Price, 25 cents for single copies, $1.00 for Production Packet of eight scripts and leader's guide. Available from above address.

4. Many of you may be interested in the following:

(a) *The Annals*, September, 1958, "Pressure Groups and Lobbies." Price, $2.00, from *The Annals*, 3937 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
(b) *The Protestant and Politics*, by William Lee Miller. Price, $1.00 from The Westminster Press, Philadelphia.

5. Finally we are reminded with new significance of December 10, 1958, as the Tenth Anniversary date of the adoption by United Nations of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Surely these words in the preamble of that document have great importance:

> The GENERAL ASSEMBLY proclaims
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> This UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.

God help us as Christians to work with unswerving courage for the achievement of these ends!

Sincerely yours,
THELMA STEVENS
MARGARET R. BENDER
THERESSA HOOVER

One Way to Live in a New World

FOR a long time we have accepted the fact that this is a new, fast-moving world of rapid social change. Now it is time to think in terms of a new appreciation of what it means to us as Christian citizens of this new world. A dreary school of prophets who used to be popular painted a picture of the future where everything had become so mechanized and standardized that there would be no interesting variation. This was not a true prophecy. Preoccupied with the mechanics of the future, they overlooked the human factor. We are far enough along now in the process to look at it with a new appraisal.

Probably no continent except North America reaches with such avid appreciation for the new as does Africa. Yet one cannot step into the amazingly modern airports that serve African cities without knowing immediately which colonial influence has helped to shape that environment or without feeling the impact of African tribal influences of that particular area on the common Bantu characteristics. This is a happy fact because it illustrates something that is true all over the world.

This new world of ours is not likely to become the dull colorless standardized place of gloomy prophecy. Even in language we see that instead of the number of languages becoming less, there is an increase as newly independent countries encourage the use of indigenous languages instead of the mother tongue of a former colonial power. It is also interesting to note that copies of Picasso pictures done by a tribesman in Malange, Angola, or in Kampala, Uganda, are as different from the original and from that of other copyists as possible. "Steel Town" Haut Katanga, Belgian Congo, will never look like Steel Town, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., even though the basic machinery used may be made in the same factory. The things people add is the most important factor in life. These things vary from place to place because they are the things which meet the individual desires and needs of the people involved.

This provides an opportunity for great enrichment of any who really want to specialize in the profits and pleasures of living in this new world. The mechanics make it possible to live a little in the world of our neighbors thousands of miles away in geography but much closer in technology. The advantages are twofold. It will be a pleasurable way to enrich our lives and also a valuable means of securing better international understanding.

As we begin this basic effort to enjoy our neighbors, it is well to look at the steps that are involved. One of the first facts we face in looking at this newly connected world is its basic inequality. Even though airplanes fly on the same signals and international rules to Kampala, Bangkok, and Detroit, the people who live within a few miles of these airports still present great contrast. Their life span varies from country to country. In one a man may expect to enjoy his seventies, in another death before thirty is a standard expectation. Two thirds of the world still goes to bed hungry; while a third of the remaining third retires with the uneasy conviction that once again he has eaten too much. Literacy rates range from twelve to ninety-five per cent. Diseases which have been conquered in some countries still present great hazards in others.

We know from our experience that it is harder to live together in inequality if we have the differences before our eyes all the time. The better clothes and food of people whom we seldom see is not a matter of great tension. When, on the other hand, we see our neighbor's children with too much food while ours are hungry, the sight is hard to bear. Because this is what is happening in a world of rapidly closing space, special precautions need to be taken to bridge the years until equality can be reached.

First of all, we need to know the facts. Probably no more infuriating words will go down in history than Marie Antoinette's, "Let them eat cake." Today people in prosperous countries who shrug off the plights of those in countries whose economies are underdeveloped are exhibiting the same dangerous lack of understanding. If we do not learn better than this in understanding our neighbors, history may also record some tragic chapters for us.

The second step is to know what can be done. What does the missionary enterprise do to help with these problems? How can it help in the achievement of human rights and of conquest of ignorance, and need? How can we find money and personnel to take advantage of every opportunity open to us as churches whose parishes are the world? What is being done through the United Nations to help economic and social development? What are the advantages of governments pooling their help? In what ways does our government still need to reinforce and expand international programs by direct help from us to other nations? For a review of these questions read *A Christian's Primer of Technical Assistance.*[1]

The third step is to try to understand that while things which are done by other people seem strange to us, they are as logical to them as our own way of doing things are to us. During this program year we are studying *Understanding Other Cultures*[2] by Dr. Ina Brown. This study will be helpful

as we try to get a better understanding of why people do things and even of why the things which we do may seem peculiar to others.

The final step is one of expanding interests and understanding. It isn't enough to know about the economic conditions of the country. Much more is necessary if we are to really understand its people. We have often had the experience of having another country come permanently alive either because we or someone close to us visited it. Travel would be the simplest answer to this, but that is not always possible. A great deal can be done easily by families that really want to understand their new neighbors. This month as we approach the Christmas season, it is an unusually good time to begin to think about the ways in which a family could learn to understand other people. It would be easy to make this a memorable holiday season by beginning to add a little breadth in terms of geography and culture to the ways in which we usually enjoy important holiday seasons.

Foreign Language

One resource which we as Americans have not used enough is that of foreign languages. To most of us foreign languages are bugbears which have to be studied in school and are immediately discarded. The fact that Americans expect every one to speak in English forms one of the barriers between us and other people. We could immensely improve both our enjoyment of other people and their appreciation of us if we learn to relax a little bit about this. Actually foreign languages are not nearly as difficult as we think they are. Modern work has given us many easy ways of approaching them.

Why not treat yourself and your family to a little excursion into some country whose language you studied in school? A Christmas present of some language records will help reintroduce the language to you. Once you get into the spirit of this, you might add a holiday gift to yourselves of a musical record from that country, or a book in the language. These will help you make progress at a speed not at all reminiscent of high school or college language study. One of the great barriers between United States citizens and other people is our self-consciousness in trying to pick up a foreign language. We need to learn that even a few words badly pronounced are a bond with the person whose language we are trying to use.

Getting to know persons of other cultures is an enriching experience.

Finding a holiday guest from that country will also help immensely and give us some new experiences. Remember that there are not only students at colleges but internees in business and hospitals.[3] Perhaps you can find a Christmas gift subscription to a magazine from that country. Magazines, particularly if they are illustrated, are easy reading in a foreign language. If you cannot find such a magazine, you might substitute a subscription to the *UNESCO Courier* (Unesco Publications Center, 801 3rd Ave., New York 22, New York, $3.00), which carries many articles of cultural significance about many countries.

Art, Politics, Geography

If you are interested in politics, art, or geography, pick a country, possibly one from the Middle East on which one of the current mission studies is based, or one in Africa which will be the subject of next year's study. Buy a map of the country and the surrounding area so that you can place it in its geographical context. Read a new book about it. Your librarian's advice will be helpful. Look in the telephone directory to see whether you can find an import or gift shop which handles articles from this particular country. Find a painting or piece of wood carving or some pottery which the family can live with for a few months while you are centering your interest on that country. Look through your department store to find a household article which is manufactured in that country. Some time during the holidays, try a recipe characteristic of the country in which you are interested. (For *U.N. Cookbook,* write to Souvenir Shop, United Nations, New York 17, New York. Price is $1.50 plus 25 cents postage.) Again you might entertain a guest from that country.

You might even try to bring this new interest into your Christmas planning. A most interesting Christmas tree bore on its branches a doll, an animal, or some other trinket from every country in which its much-traveled owners had ever lived. These ranged from a Swedish wooden horse, an ivory hippo from the Belgian Congo, a wooden elephant from Burma, silver peacocks from Bangkok, to a tinsel lei from India.

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[1] Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Price 35 cents.

[2] Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Price 75 cents.

[3] See *Getting to Know You,* Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Price, 15 cents.

Religious Pictures

Another interesting thing to explore is different concepts of religious pictures. Artists from other countries such as India, Angola, and the Union of South Africa have painted less Anglo-Saxon concepts of biblical figures. If you have a local museum, talk to the staff about the possibility of borrowing some pictures of this type. You might arrange an exhibit on your church bulletin board of religious art from other countries.

Learn how your neighbor celebrates his holiday. The easiest place to begin is with Jewish customs. (See *Your Neighbor Celebrates*, Anti-Defamation League, 515 Madison Ave., New York. $2.50. The Anti-Defamation League can also supply other material.)

This year the UNICEF Christmas cards are particularly good for this kind of planning as five of them deal with customs such as Festival of Lights in India, Doll Festival in Japan, Lucia Day in Sweden, and Peruvian and Canadian scenes of Christmas.

Study of Religion

Proceed from this easy approach to a basic study of the religions involved. The time has come when Christians who wish to understand their world need to know something about the other religions which are important in the lives of great groups of people. For instance, the growth of Islam is one of the most significant in present day political development and offers one of the gravest challenges to Christianity. Few of us realize, for example, that the presence of thirty-four per cent Muslims in the population of Nigeria is one of the significant factors in the future of that important, economically rich territory which is slated for independence in 1960.

Handles

Handles sometimes look small and insignificant. Yet the tremendous process of learning to understand and appreciate our neighbors around the world is a matter of finding handles that fit fingers. Perhaps you are not ready to plunge into the political background yet. Begin by realizing that problems are pretty much the same the world over. Every family is thinking in terms of food and health, education and economic security. Somewhere in this plan you will find a problem which you can share with interest. Start with one close at home. Perhaps you have a son or daughter who will go to college next year, and the whole family is concentrating on his choice of school, the chances of his getting into his first choice, the course he will take, and how much money will be necessary.

Your horizon would be broadened significantly if you chose a country (preferably one where we have mission work) and set out to find what a family with educational aspirations for its children would be facing in that country. How far has education progressed in that country? Do girls have an equal chance with boys? In what language are schools conducted? How many students from there come to the United States? Are any of them near you? Do we have any Crusade Scholars from there? How much does it cost to go to school there? How many mission schools do we have? Look in back issues of THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK for pictures of these schools, their students, and faculties. Also look in the Woman's Division *Annual Report*. What does the government do for education? That project will create a deep interest in the country.

Or perhaps you live where irrigation is a necessity. Why not study the problem of water needs in the Nile Valley? At the time when the Asswan Dam made political history, few people understood the issues behind it or the rival claims of at least seven countries to the waters of the Nile. Study Uganda, Ethiopia, Sudan, and their water needs and you will feel less futile about the whole complicated problem of the Middle East because you will understand that the solution is not just a matter of a game of political chess but a complex one of economic and human needs.

Studying the economic potential of a country will lead to many interesting experiences. Perhaps your family interests lie in the economic field. If so, the economic potential of many of the emerging countries may come as a fascinating surprise. Take, for example, the Belgian Congo, which is a vague geographical concept in most of our minds. The discovery of the tremendous mineral and power resources of that territory which is as large as the eastern half of the United States is great. The third largest copper smelter in the world exists now in an area where economic growth is taking place as rapidly as anywhere in the world. The rapid growth of residential communities for workers will also be interesting. Or, alternately, the study of the way in which Thailand has developed new industries such as silk and silver will be fascinating to those interested in industrial development.

If you live in a rapidly growing community with all its problems of setting up social services, adjusting to change, providing safeguards for youth and church opportunities for all ages, you might like to study the work that the church is doing in that regard in such mission fields as Hong Kong or Elisabethville, Belgian Congo.

No handle that helps toward understanding other people is too trivial—the important thing is that it should be used in a meaningful way. Most people say glibly that stamp collecting is a cultural avocation. Yet its effect depends upon how much it becomes a matter of the background of the stamps or merely an acquisitive collecting process. Similarly, any of the handles suggested here can be gadgety or significant depending upon the spirit in which they are pursued.

CIRCLES *Worship and Program Suggestions*

BRIDGES TO CROSS THE CENTURIES

by E. GWENDOLINE NARBETH
Missionary to North Africa

HYMN: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus," *The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 441.

SCRIPTURE: John 10:1-18; Mark 9:36, 37.

LEADER: Can you imagine the scene if Rachel or Rebecca stepped from the Bible into our modern society? Or if Abraham came back to live? Fantastic, you say! They could never adjust to modern life!

Such adjustment is precisely what the Methodist Mission is undertaking in Algeria. The veiled Muslim women, mostly illiterate and with little knowledge of modern life, are suddenly faced with the duty of preparing their sons and daughters to live a free life, poised and unveiled in a new world. Muslim children are caught between two opposing forces: at school they mix freely with French children; at home they again become part of a Muslim community where they are severely criticized by their grandparents who try to draw them back into traditional behavior patterns.

How is it possible for a girl to pass from the ignorant cloistered life of the Muslim woman, into the free happy life of the modern woman? How is it possible for a boy to grow up in a community where he never sees girls and women outside his family, and suddenly be expected to know how to behave and to be poised in a mixed community? Where will he learn the respect due to women when he has been taught from the cradle that they are inferior?

Methodist homes for children in Algeria are bridges over which many children cross the centuries between Old Testament civilization and the modern world. In a Christian atmosphere they learn to respect each other, in a new community where women are not inferior. Jesus Christ, whom they learn to love, guides them around the moral pitfalls awaiting newly liberated youth. In these homes girls learn to be good wives and to bring up their children intelligently, with no superstition to warp their personalities.

Two mothers have come to our meeting today to tell us what the Methodist homes for children mean to them.

MUSTAPHA (moos-tah-fah): As my daughters were not doing well in school, I went to see their teacher. She told me the girls did not know enough French. They could read but their vocabulary was too limited. When I went home I talked to my older daughter, who said, "It is because Grandmother begs us not to learn to read, even takes our books away from us. She says it is a disgrace for a girl to read and write."

It was too late to push the older girls, but I took my youngest one to the Methodist Home for Girls and she has had her mind opened. I want her to be a teacher or a nurse and I am sure she will be able to do it, for I have seen many girls from the Home who have succeeded.

AICHA (ah-ee'-shah): When my daughter was small I put her in your Home for Girls because I had no means of supporting her when her father died. When she was six I remarried and took her to my new home. My husband had a son the same age as my daughter, and they played happily together. Now they are twelve and according to our custom can no longer live in the same room. How overjoyed I was when Yasmine was allowed to return to the Home for Girls where she is loved and guided while she completes her education.

LEADER: Day by day the children are guided and taught, surrounded by prayer and love. Great is our joy as we see character being formed and strengthened, and greater still when some young person comes to the momentous decision of leaving all—as Abraham did—to go out at God's call, knowing not where, to found a new community governed by the God of Love.

May we have a moment of silent prayer for these children, and for those who teach and care for them?

SILENT PRAYER

HYMN: "I Am So Glad That Our Father in Heaven," *The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 435.

QUIZ

(*Based on articles in this issue*)

1. **Who said it? Explain.**
   - **(a) ". . . unity . . . does not just happen. It . . ."**
   - **(b) "Education is for the boys, not for girls. . . ."**
   - **(c) "Good-by, Smiling Lady, come again. . . ."**
   - **(d) "Let them eat cake."**
   - **(e) "Stamp collecting is a cultural avocation."**
2. **Why was Japan chosen for meeting of the 14th World Convention on Christian Education?**
3. **Where and what is the Interchurch Center?**
4. **Who attended summer training programs?**
5. **When is Commitment Sunday? Human Rights Day? Guild Month?**
6. **What is the purpose of Wesley Foundation?**
7. **How can we make Christmas more Christian?**
8. **List suggestions for Christmas gifts.**
9. **Identify: Mrs. Chester B. Knapp, Mrs. Alice Williams, Miss Jane Stentz.**
10. **Locate Mary Johnston Hospital, Bataan Hospital, Wesley Village.**

CORRECTION IN *PROGRAM BOOK*

Attention, if you are planning to use the October program later during the year, please disregard the words *free of charge* on page 9, under "Planning the October Program," column 2, line 7. The Department of the Interior informs us that only the *folder* describing maps is free. From this folder you may choose and order any maps desired.

Television, Radio, and Film Commission, by Craig Faulkner

Short Term Missionaries

Twenty-nine young women from throughout the United States are beginning three years of missionary service overseas for the Woman's Division of Christian Service. These "3's" are working with Methodist and Methodist-related churches in Asia, Africa, and South America. They are doing such varied jobs as pharmacy, teaching physical education, social work, medical technology, and dietetics. Most are 1958 college graduates. For six weeks last summer, they were at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, doing special study in preparation for their missionary vocation.

Information concerning short term and regular missionary service may be secured from the Office of Missionary Personnel, Room 1000, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

The 1958 3's and their teachers are:

Third row (left to right): Lorraine Gribbens, Chicago, Illinois, to Sarawak; Eva Saito, Canada, to Japan; Susan Smith, Barron, Wisconsin, to Japan; Joanne Hornby, Kenosha, Wisconsin, to Malaya; Sandra McCaig, Lincoln, Nebraska, to Sarawak; Bobbie Barrett, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, to Japan; Joy Nowlin, DeLeon, Texas, to Korea; Doris Jean Wilson, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Malaya; Jacqueline Skiles, St. Louis, Missouri, to Brazil; Dorothy Cooper, Angola; Dorothy Weems, Birmingham, Alabama; Kay Grimmesey, Ontario, California, to Burma; Judith Hawks, Milan, Illinois, to Hong Kong; Rhoda Linton, Ithaca, New York, to Burma.

Second row (left to right): Dorothy Kraft, Dallas, Texas, to Pakistan; Marjorie Smock, Sharon, Pennsylvania, to Southern Rhodesia; Rosemarie Kascher, Youngstown, Ohio, to Japan; Jane Hull, Mobile, Alabama, to Korea; Jane Sutlive, Birmingham, Alabama, to Sarawak; Julia Sever, Clearwater, Florida, to Liberia; Frances Mitchell, Granite City, Illinois, to Uruguay; Carolyn Langille, Worcester, Massachusetts, to Algeria; Rachel Ann Pickett, Topeka, Kansas, to Korea; Dorane Lowman, Panama City, Florida, to Korea; Bobbie Leonard, Salisbury, North Carolina, to the Philippines; Margaret Whitfield, Westminster, Maryland, to Japan; Martha Farnham, Baltimore, Maryland, to Burma.

First row (left to right): Sandra Foley, Watertown, Wisconsin, to Pakistan; Rev. Paul Yount, New York, dean of the 3's training; Dr. William Bray, missionary to Japan (staff); Miss Earline Hart, missionary to Pakistan (staff); Miss Alice Cheney, missionary to Japan (staff); Rev. W. R. Schisler, missionary to Brazil (staff); Dr. Lindsey Pherigo, Scarritt College professor (staff); Dr. Durwood Foster, professor at the Duke University Divinity School (staff); Beryl Feather, Lincoln, Nebraska, to Southern Rhodesia.

Not present for picture: Mrs. Corlyss Crump, Sidney, Ohio, to Hong Kong; Joyce Gillilan, Chester, Illinois, to Japan.

Miss Marguerite Twinem, secretary of Missionary Personnel, visited missionary work in Latin America.

World Institute on Christian Education

by

PEARLE McCAIN

Miss McCain is on the staff of Seiwa Joshi Gakuin, a training school for kindergarten teachers and Christian education workers

The World Institute on Christian Education was held in Seiwa Joshi Gakuin and in neighboring Kobe College, Nishinomiya, July 19 to August 1. Approximately 300 people from sixty countries—selected leaders in the field of Christian religious education—were in attendance. There were a few addresses, but most of the time was given to the work of groups on various phases of religious education. The daily worship services, led by Rev. H. A. Hamilton of Brighton, England, were never-to-be-forgotten experiences. The fellowship with these people from around the world cannot be described. Of all the meetings held this summer this was, I believe, the one which will have most influence on the work of Christian education around the world. All our school facilities were used, and teachers, students, and staff were happy to do everything possible for the pleasure and convenience of the delegates so that the aims of the institute might be achieved with maximum efficiency.

One of the pleasant surprises of the institute was seeing Chen Kwan-yu, whom I taught many years ago in McTyeire School in Shanghai. She is now principal of a Christian high school in Hong Kong.

This group picture was taken on the grounds of Seiwa in front of the auditorium. Miss Elizabeth Stinson, secretary of Missionary Education, is in the fourth row from the back, seventh one from the right.

HAVE *You* ASKED A QUESTION ABOUT SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION?

MRS. AUSTIN BAGSHAW
Secretary of Spiritual Life, Northeastern Jurisdiction

QUESTION: What can we do to deepen the spiritual life of our members? Many seem to be interested *only* in material things.

ANSWER: Have an active prayer list.

Encourage the reading of devotional books.

Urge the women to enroll in a Bible study class on "Isaiah."

Conduct training periods for the women who are chosen to lead the service of worship at the circle and monthly meetings of the Woman's Society so that these services may be more meaningful.

Form prayer groups. Helpful suggestions may be found in the book *Two or Three Together* by Freer and Hall, $2.50, and the booklet *Prayer Groups*, 35 cents, both available from Literature Headquarters. These materials explain how to organize or form Prayer Groups and also give methods of procedure. One small Prayer Group of five or six interested women can be the nucleus of strength for an entire society.

Emphasize the need and value of the practice of the Quiet Time by all members.

Hold retreats and Quiet Days with well qualified and recommended leaders. (Write to your jurisdiction or conference Secretary of Spiritual Life for names of people whom you may secure.)

QUESTION: How can Secretaries of Spiritual Life help women to understand that the Woman's Society of Christian Service is more than just the local Society—that it is an organization reaching around the world and they are a very definite part of it?

ANSWER: You can help to educate women concerning the world-wide scope through the use of the *Prayer Calendar*.* This booklet contains all the projects of the Board of Missions including, of course, the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and all the commissioned workers. When one prays for a missionary, a deaconess, or a project she is more likely to be more deeply interested in the work. That will lead quite naturally to the habit of reading THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK to secure more information. It becomes then a service circle.

The more they read
The more they know;
The more they know
The more they care;
The more they care
The more they pray;
The more they pray
The more they give;
The more they give
The more they read.

QUESTION: Why is it necessary to have so many statistics on Spiritual Life report blanks?

ANSWER: Statistics are the measurement of progress—in black and white. While figures do not tell the whole story and often not the true one, they do indicate a trend and are a basis from which we can work.

QUESTION: Could not "The Fellowship of Intercession" be made clearer so women could understand it?

ANSWER: The word prayer should be used as an explanatory word when speaking or writing about the Fellowship of Intercession—thus, Fellowship of Intercession—Prayer Fellowship.

The report blanks cannot be changed until the end of the quadrennium. However, conference and district secretaries can clarify this bit of the work through letters and information given at clinics. Be sure to explain that the "number of new members since the last report" does *not* mean the number of new members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service but the number of women signing the Fellowship of Intercession card. (See page 13, July-August issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN for a clear statement of the Fellowship of Intercession.)

* Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Price, 60 cents.

FILMSTRIPS FOR STUDY OF ISAIAH

The Methodist Publishing House film libraries distribute two filmstrips on the Dead Sea Scrolls with a mention of the Isaiah scroll.

The color filmstrip, "Discovering Hidden Treasures" (40 frames with reading script), goes into more detail about the Isaiah scroll than the filmstrip described below. Sale price is $6.50.

Another filmstrip, "The Dead Sea Scrolls and Our Scriptures" (82 frames in color and reading script), gives the history and subject matter of the scrolls but includes only one frame relating to the Isaiah scroll. Sale price is $5.00.

CREDIT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

"Better late than never." Mrs. John Urban, who wrote the skit "Going Around in Circles," which appeared on page 30 of the October issue, is the president of Buffalo District, Genesee Conference. And the acrostic on page 29 of the same issue was produced by the Program Committee of that district. It was used as the program cover for the Leadership Training Day.

Speaking of credits: the National Conference on Spiritual Life was held through the courtesy of the *Upper Room* and not the Board of Evangelism as stated in the article on page 23 of the September issue.

The Eliza Bowman School—one of the recipients of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial Offering—is located in Cienfuegos, Cuba—not Santiago—in case you noticed that error in location on page 23 of the October issue.

THEY FOLLOWED THE STAR

by MARIETTA MANSFIELD

THE winter night on the hills of the East was like the thousands of other nights that had gone before it. The air was cold and crisp; the atmosphere was crystal clear; and the velvety smooth sky sparkled with the twinkling galaxy of stars.

From year to year the Magi had searched and had waited to see the great star shed its rays of light across the heavens. They continued to search and to wait because they expected to find the star which would witness to hope fulfilled. Once again the Wise Men took down the scrolls and began to read the prophesy concerning the coming of the Prince of Peace. . . . "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined. . . . For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; . . . and his name is called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty One, the Everlasting God, the Prince of Peace" . . . They talked together of how their world needed a Savior, a Deliverer; and they longed for the coming of the Prince of Peace who would usher in the golden era of peace. They recalled the scrolls of prophetic writings and with one accord they arose to leave the warmth of their shelter to go out on the hills and search the heavens for the sign that would announce his coming.

They had scarcely left their shelter when they knew of a certainty *the star* had indeed arisen. As they gazed at the great star that flamed in the heavens, and at a thousand lesser stars that twinkled their joy, the Wise Men were filled with wonder and awe. With folded hands and upturned faces they lifted their eyes to behold the glory of the heavenly light. To see the star was to rejoice. It was to break forth into singing, "Sing, O heavens, and be joyful O earth, and break forth into singing O mountains; for the Lord has comforted his people and will have mercy upon his afflicted." Together they rejoiced to see the star. "Come," they said one to the other, "Let us go even now to Bethlehem to worship him who is this day born the Prince of Peace."

When they arrived at the home in Bethlehem, they worshiped him: and they opened their treasure to offer him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The story of the Wise Men is one of the most beautiful ever written. Through this story shines an eternal truth to light us on our way of life. We, like the Wise Men, can look up to search for our star. For it is by looking up that we are filled with lofty thoughts and ideals. It is by looking up that we will find pointers to show us the way to Christ. Having come to him, we can bow before him in adoration and offer the gift we most treasure—the gold of our achievement in recognition of his Kingship; our devotion, the frankincense of our highest desires; and myrrh, our obedience in service.

Christmas this year can be for us even as it was for the Magi who journeyed to Bethlehem. To see the star is not enough; we must follow where it leads. If we will follow where it leads, we will think of others. For Christmas is a time to share; it is a time to think of what we can do to help our church, our Woman's Society, and our world. What about the lonely, suffering ones shut in from the world? We can go talk with them; read to them; it will cheer them and give them courage. What is being done for the aged? They would welcome our presence. We can take them cheer to light their loneliness. And there are many young mothers who long to attend the services of the church and its meeting; but they cannot leave their babies and very young children. It would be a fine thing if we would baby sit for them that they may attend the services of the church, for the young mother needs the inspiration of the service and its fellowship to sustain her and guide her in the rearing of her family. Christmas is a time when we can offer oursleves to teach a class in the church school. This offering of the myrrh of our service is not enough; we must offer our gold.

For Christmas is a time to remember the poor with gifts of money. It is a time to remember the projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. It is a time to give an extra gift for missions both at home and abroad. These gifts of our gold and the myrrh of our service will be without meaning for us unless we offer to him the frankincense of adoration and devotion. Let us make Christmas this year a time when we will offer to him our gifts—the gold of our achievement; the frankincense of our devotion; and the myrrh of our service in obedience to Him.

If we will follow the star, it will lead us to Bethlehem, where we can bow before Him in adoration and praise. Christmas is the time when we can open the door of our heart for the Christ to come in and be born in us. Christmas for us can be every day, for as often as we open our hearts to the Lord Jesus it is Christmas.

PRAYER:

O God, we pray Thee to show us the Star that we may follow it to Bethlehem where we can bow in adoration and praise. And where we can open to him our treasure to offer our gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We pray Thee, O God, to help us open the door of our heart that the Christ may come in and be born in us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP

by

ELIZABETH WARDELL and JANET BADGLEY

SETTING: Two people, friends, are in this conversation piece. Betty is seated at her kitchen table with a cup of coffee and a pad and pencil, and she seems preoccupied as Janet enters. Another cup and saucer, and a coffee pot are also on the table. In presenting this, an easy, informal air is desired, so where one player wishes to express the thought in her own words, this is acceptable.

Janet (knocking lightly on open door before entering): Good morning! Ready to go shopping? My, what a large shopping list!

Betty: Oh, hello! No, not quite ready. Sit down a moment, won't you? Help yourself to some coffee.

Janet: What *are* you doing? *(sits down, pours self some coffee).*

Betty: This *is* a list, but not a shopping list. I've been putting down some ideas for devotions next Wednesday night.

Janet: What's your theme?

Betty: Janet, did you see a page in the *Upper Room,* some time ago, that concerned itself with, "Freely ye have received, freely give"?

Janet: Well now, I don't remember.

Betty: The meditation pointed out that the Greek interpretation of those lines was actually, *"Giftwise ye have received, giftwise give!"*

Janet: Oh!

Betty: Doesn't that intrigue you? It "hit me between the eyes," as the saying goes. I haven't been able to get it off my mind. Everything's a *gift!* I've wanted and wanted to present it to the circle and wondered how to do it.

Janet: How do you plan to present it now?

Betty: The other day as I was busy about the house, I was thinking about it, and all of a sudden an idea struck me. This interpretation, "Giftwise ye have received"—seems to touch the heart of the matter. Everything's a gift —God isn't asking us to pay Him for them. But they aren't things he owes us—and we've no right to take them for granted—or to keep expecting more from Him.

Janet: Yes, I see. The gifts He has given us are Life itself, the beauty of the world about us—sea and sky and trees and flowers, the love of friends and family—oh I could go on and on!

Betty: Exactly! All His gifts are so very wonderful! But because everyone has them—they're *free*—we tend to think we *ought* to have them!

Janet: "Freely ye have received . . ." what was the occasion for the statement?

Betty: Jesus said it to His disciples when He was instructing them about how to carry on His work. That, of course, points up the greatest gift of all that God has given us.

Janet: You mean, the gift of Jesus Christ, His Son, and the truth of His Word.

Betty: Yes, besides this wonderful light we also have His promise of the "way, the truth and the light," and of eternal life.

Janet (after a thoughtful pause): Well, what were you planning with your list, here?

Betty: I thought that I might show God's gifts to us more dramatically if I listed just a few of them on little pieces of paper and then wrapped each list as a gift, and gave one to each member of the circle.

Janet: Very interesting! And fun, too. But what's the point you're trying to make?

Betty: Why the rest of the sentence, that's the point! . . . "Giftwise, *Give!*"

Janet: You mean, when we give to the church or to God, or to anyone, give as we give to our friends or family—with love and a desire to please?

Betty: Yes!—Not counting it out painfully or thinking what a sacrifice it is or how we can get something in return! Give as He has given to us—freely, abundantly!

Janet: I see what you mean! Just think! Stewardship in the church today means the act of giving and serving—and Jesus, in telling His disciples, "Freely ye have received, freely give," was teaching them about their stewardship!

Betty: That's right!

Janet: What sort of gifts ought we to give?

Betty: I had been thinking mainly of *how* we should give—generously and without grumbling. But also, if we give only what we can comfortably manage, we don't feel it in our hearts because it's taken no real effort—its meaning hasn't touched us.

Janet: The gift without the giver!

Betty: Yes! Also, we must remember that Jesus was very definite about material things. He tried to tell us not to overemphasize their importance. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and dust corrupt . . . for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also . . ."

Janet: I'm sure, too, that He didn't mean just to give money, or wealth. He wanted us to use our talents, too. He reminded us that all things came from God, and that we would have no talent, no power, if God did not give it to us.

Betty: So many times, when the disciples were amazed at His works, He even said that He had

no powers Himself, but that it was God in Him that gave Him power!

Janet: And Jesus seemed to have *unlimited* power!

Betty: So would we if we had faith enough! We have *no idea* of our potential until we start . . . and as we give, we are replenished!

Janet (after a thoughtful pause): We should remember something else about the giving!

Betty: What's that?

Janet: We should lend a helping, willing hand to our fellow human beings, because we are all God's children, and because the gifts He gave us were for *all* of us—not a favored few!

Betty: How true! *(Pause)* Another thing we should remember! God doesn't ask us to repay Him, and we shouldn't expect anything in return for our gifts!

Janet: But we do owe Him something!

Betty: Yes, we owe it to Him to grow up and not ask Him for things we should manage for ourselves! Life—help me get a new car—a better job—help me get the children's teeth fixed!

Janet: Well . . . maybe *some* of us do that . . . I think it's human nature to assume that the God who gave you life could easily manage a car or a job. But when we grow up spiritually, we know enough simply to ask for His grace and strength to see us through our problems.

Betty (after a pause): And like good children, who have been raised to adulthood and turn to their parents and think, "Now I can show my appreciation for their love," we can think of ways to show our appreciation of Him.

Janet: It's so true, isn't it?

Betty: What?

Janet: All things come of Thee, oh Lord—

Betty: And of thine own will we give Thee . . .

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

VICE-PRESIDENT: Observe Human Rights Day, December 10. Present December program, "Everywhere, Everywhere Christmas. . . ." For additional material, the following is suggested, "A Star Shines for the Nations," page 8, and "Christmas in New Mexico," page 14 in this issue.

TREASURER: See that pledges are paid to date. Plan for the Christmas Offering if your Society has one. The Christmas Offering is an approved method for raising the budget.

PROMOTION: Review the work of the past six months and evaluate its effectiveness. In following out Goal 6, to *identify oneself with peoples of the world,* cooperate with Secretary of Missionary Education in promoting the study program. Participate in planning for the observance of Epiphany, January 6, with special attention to new members. Read the articles "Now Is the Time" in the November issue, and "Light and Life" in this issue, page 31.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION: Share a Christmas missionary story. Plan for the study, "The Middle East." (See page 38 of the September issue.)

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS: Encourage the church-wide observance of Commitment Sunday. Promote nonalcoholic office and youth holiday parties. Observe Human Rights Day, December 10.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD: Make final plans for Guild Month.

STUDENT WORK: Work with your pastor in the observance of Student Recognition Day (fourth Sunday). Welcome students home with fellowship tea or brunch. Challenge them with Christian vocations.

YOUTH WORK: Encourage the MYF to observe Human Rights Day, December 10. Urge interested young people to attend vocational conferences to learn about vocations within the church, including missionary and deaconess service. Circulate the article "Forth in Thy Name We Go," page 11.

CHILDREN'S WORK: Assist with plans for January missionary units, Sunday sessions, and additional sessions. Read pages in *Child Guidance in Christian Living* and THE METHODIST WOMAN.

SPIRITUAL LIFE: Make Christmas Christian. Pray for Commitment Sunday, December 7. Read the article "Have You Asked a Question About Spiritual Life Cultivation?" page 28.

LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS: Suggest gift from the Society of a year's subscription to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK for each new member. Combination subscriptions, $3.30. Send the order to THE METHODIST WOMAN, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

SUPPLY WORK: Discourage contributions by your Society to groups not eligible for Supply Work. (See leaflet, *Report It This Way.*)

STATUS OF WOMEN: Cooperate with the Committee on Program, the Committee on Membership, and with the Secretary of Promotion in helping and encouraging each woman in your church to find her place of service in the church and community.

A Calendar of Activities will be a monthly feature of these pages. Use it in planning the agenda of the executive committee.

This month Miss Helen L. Johnson writes her first contribution as Secretary of Promotion. (See page 32.) Hereafter Miss Dorcas Hall and Miss Johnson will share the pages on Organization and Promotion.

LIGHT and LIFE

The words *light* and *life* are frequently used when referring to Epiphany. We understand how appropriate this is when we recall the definition of Epiphany which says, "A festival celebrated January 6, commemorating the coming of the Magi as being the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles." This festival of the Christian church is also known as Twelfth Night.

For many of us this period in the beginning of a new year is a time of soul searching and rededication to the high calling of Christian discipleship. We commend this prayer of confession for personal meditation:*

> O most merciful Father, we confess before thee that we have done little to forward thy Kingdom in the world, and to advance thy glory. We would humble ourselves before thee for our past neglects, and seek for mercy and forgiveness. Pardon our shortcomings. Give us greater zeal for thy glory. Make us more ready and diligent, by our prayers, by our gifts, and by our examples, to spread abroad the knowledge of thy truth and to enlarge the boundaries of thy Kingdom. May the love of Christ constrain us, and may we do all to thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Woman's Society we have come to associate this season with welcoming new members. This is appropriate as all members, and not exclusively the new ones, dedicate their gifts of prayer, service, money, and self to the attainment of the high objectives of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

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ANNUAL VISIT

Twenty Methodist seminarians, two from each of the ten Methodist Theological Seminaries, visited the Board of Missions on September 9, 10, and 11. These young men, who are honor students, are selected by the faculty for scholarships which include this visitation. The trip provides for a period of time with each board and agency related to The Methodist Church. The program offers firsthand knowledge of the work of the church. This was the fourth annual visit of such a group. During the days at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, the group met some of the Board members and staff of the Woman's Division. The time spent in discussion was mutually helpful. The group was led by Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh and Dr. Harold T. Porter, of the Department of Ministerial Education, General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee. In this picture they are looking at the large globe at the American Bible House.

A NEW SECRETARY

Mrs. D. Guy Woolpert of the North Indiana Conference has been named Secretary of Promotion for the North Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Woolpert is an active member of Broadway Methodist Church in Logansport, Indiana. She has had wide experience in the work of the Woman's Society. Mrs. Woolpert is well qualified for this position in many ways. She has served as Secretary of Promotion in both the district and the conference organizations.

In her local church, Mrs. Woolpert is a teacher in the church school, a member of the choir, and an officer in the Woman's Society. Her community interests include committee responsibilities in the United Fund Board, Volunteer Services of the American Red Cross, and the Young Woman's Christian Association. Mrs. Woolpert succeeds Mrs. Earl W. Douglas who was elected to membership on the Board of Missions.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Christmas Greeting

Oh, Wonder of Wonders, Love Divine,
Who was sent to earth that night,
Enter anew into our hearts
And fill them with love and light.

May abundant joy and peace be yours at Christmas and throughout the year to come.

E. Louise Nichols, ***field worker***
Ida Shaw, ***office secretary***
Lillian Johnson, ***secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild***

Guild Month

January is Guild month. We hope you are making preparations for publicity and observance of this important occasion in your local church. Refer to THE METHODIST WOMAN, December, 1955, and January, 1956, for helpful suggestions.

First Guild Weekend

Congratulations to the Wesleyan Service Guild of Indiana Conference which held its first Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend recently and had eighty-five in attendance. Miss Grace A. Schoenbaechler is the conference secretary.

PATTERNS FOR PROGRESS

Western Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild

1. MEMBERSHIP
   a. Continued effort for increase in membership.
   b. Better assimilation of new members through group participation in all phases of Guild work.
   c. Increased emphasis on finding employed women who are not members of either the Woman's Society or Guild.
2. FINANCE
   a. Increased pledging as our part in stewardship giving.
   b. Local budget and pledge service presented at May meeting.
   c. Participation in a pledge service at a district meeting.
3. SPIRITUAL LIFE ENRICHMENT
   a. The chairman of Spiritual Life of each Guild to encourage a deepening spiritual life in each member through use of *Prayer Calendar* and prayer groups.
   b. Use of appropriate worship settings correlated with the program material.
   c. Arrange for suitable observance of special days such as Week of Prayer and Self Denial and World Day of Prayer.
4. MISSIONARY EDUCATION
   a. At least one study for Jurisdiction Recognition.
   b. The chairman of Missionary Education to arrange for presentation of one Guild Special Interest each month.
   c. Use *Program Book* as the basis for programs in local units.
5. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS
   a. At least one program with emphasis on Human Rights.
   b. Have a program or study on World Trade.
   c. See that every member is a registered voter, and encourage a study of candidates and legislative issues, state and local.
6. SUPPLY WORK
   a. Supply Work should be "second mile" giving on the part of the unit over and above Pledge to Missions.
   b. Giving to Supply Work should be limited to current askings.
7. FELLOWSHIP
   a. Increase in attendance at district and conference meetings.
   b. Every unit represented at district and conference meetings.
8. REPORTING
   a. Reports sent on or before due date to the proper person.
   b. Reports to be filled in accurately and completely.
9. RESPONSIBILITY TO THE TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM
   a. Explore the possibility of organizing or assisting a World Friendship Group of Girls in cooperation with the Secretary of Youth Work of the Woman's Society.
   b. Seek ways of implementing the committee on Christian Vocations and encourage continued committee activity.

For Jurisdiction Honor Roll: Each Guild must complete 8 a and b, and one other suggested activity under each of the other divisions. District secretaries will determine eligibility of local Guilds from reports submitted during the year June 1, 1958, to May 31, 1959.

Mrs. Clarence Jones,
Jurisdiction Secretary

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

GLIMPSES OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS IN MANILA AND HONG KONG

Miss Elizabeth Stinson, secretary of Missionary Education, has just returned from a trip to the Far East and Hawaii where she attended the World Institute on Christian Education in Nishinomiya, Japan, and the World Convention on Christian Education in Tokyo. In Hawaii she taught in the Woman's Society School of Missions. Everywhere she traveled—in the Philippines, Taiwan, Okinawa, Korea, Japan, and Hawaii—she visited as many missions of the church as time permitted.

MANILA was the first city at which the freighter "The Bonneville" came to port after three weeks on the high seas. Since for sixty years the influence of the United States on the Philippines has been predominant, the beautiful city of Manila hardly seemed a foreign city. During the one day there I visited Philippines Christian College, the Mary Johnston Hospital and School of Nursing, Harris Memorial School, and the Methodist Social Center.

The Mary Johnston Hospital, founded by Methodist women under the leadership of Dr. Rebecca Parish, was at first a hospital for women and children, but in 1945, rebuilt and equipped by the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division, it became a general hospital. Seeing the different clinics to which the various waiting patients were assigned, including the one for children who had been stricken by infantile paralysis and were having their limbs restored, is an experience not easily forgotten nor is the spirit manifested by the doctors, nurses, and staff chaplain. There is no way to estimate the healing—physical, mental, and spiritual—which the hospital, standing in an overcrowded slum area for over fifty years, has brought to thousands of patients. Though a small hospital, it was indeed a busy one on that Saturday morning when I visited it. The Woman's Division maintains the School of Nursing. Hundreds of graduates of this nursing school are now occupying important positions in private and government institutions throughout the Philippines.

The Harris Memorial School trains deaconesses and kindergarten teachers for Southeast Asia. This school, one of the oldest projects of American Methodist women, has a reputation for well trained, consecrated, Christian workers.

At the close of day I returned to the Methodist Social Center, located in the heart of the educational section of Manila. I had known that kindergartens were held—a morning kindergarten and, for the poorer children of the immediate neighborhood, an afternoon kindergarten—and that clubs, classes, and clinics were a part of the program. Because of the lateness of the hour, I had expected to see the few buildings and the playground but no activities. My surprise over the fact that the children were still there, the workers still happily on duty, including the dentist, was apparent.

"Yes," the worker said, "it is late, but the children like to stay until darkness drives them home. The tenements in which they live are so crowded, stuffy, and dark that they wish to stay out in the light and fresh air as long as possible." I was most favorably impressed by all of the missionaries I met in Manila, several of whom were three-year termers and others engaged in district and conference work. So I went back later in the evening to the ship, grateful indeed for all The Methodist Church and other evangelical churches are doing to bring well-being and happiness to thousands of children, parents, and other persons.

From the first view of Hong Kong as the ship approached the harbor until two and a half days later when the plane soon left the city far behind, the beauty of the place was borne in on me. I am haunted still by the beauty, the huddled crowds, the poverty. How grateful I was for the milk and small cakes which I saw being distributed by the Church World Service—The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief contributing—and for the roof-top kindergartens and playgrounds which the churches maintain in the Government housing areas.

I visited only the roof top for which the Methodists have responsibility. Perhaps you will understand something of what the space, playground equipment, and kindergarten mean to children when I tell you that the apartments, which consist of one room nine and one-half by twelve and one-half feet, are rented only when a group of five is to occupy each. Try to imagine a city of 500,000 adding each year for five successive years another 500,000, and that in a city built on a harbor where mountains rise sharply out of the sea. That is Hong Kong.

Wesley Village, a project to provide housing for refugees, supported by American and British Methodists and the United Church of Canada, is an oasis—a colorful, beautiful oasis—on the mountain sides. Visiting Chung Chi College, North Point (the Garage Church), and Kowloon churches, being with the worker of the Woman's Division and those of the Division of World Missions, attending a dinner meeting of the leaders of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the

beautiful home of one of the members—these were high experiences!

If you could visit these projects I am sure you would be grateful for any small part which you through your gifts and prayers have in them and would want the Woman's Division and the church to undertake many, many more.

Toge Fujihira

This youngster is a patient in Mary Johnston Hospital in the Philippines.

A patient gets an injection from Miss Josefina Cabanilla, director of the mobile clinic unit, as Miss Leila Dingle, missionary teacher at Harris Memorial School, looks on.

Here a young patient is examined in the clinic of the Methodist Social Center.

STUDENT WORK

THE TASK OF THE WESLEY FOUNDATION

by EVELYN MOLL

Member of National Methodist Student Commission

STUDENTS, directors, buildings, activities, study—these are a few characteristics of Wesley Foundations, The Methodist Church at work in the state and independent colleges and universities. The Wesley Foundation program has a potential ministry to more than 499,000 Methodist-preference students and their professors on these state and independent campuses. Student organizations on Methodist college campuses have a different name but a similar type of program as the Wesley Foundations. Both make up the Methodist Student Movement.

The purpose of the Wesley Foundation has been outlined in several phrases: "to deepen, enrich, and mature the Christian faith of college and university men and women, recognizing that special disciplines are required in the vocation of being a Christian student. There is the discipline of study, the discipline of thinking, the discipline of prayer, and the discipline of serving." Each Wesley Foundation develops program from this purpose, suiting the needs of its particular campus. All, however, work within an educational framework, seeking to develop a program of religion in higher education among college students and faculty. All Wesley Foundations seek to provide spiritual and fellowship experiences for participants, and to proclaim Christ's redeeming love to the campus.

All students share some basic needs and the Foundations meet these through similar activities. Programing to meet six of these needs can best be shown by means of illustrations. 1.) Students need an opportunity to worship together, so the Foundations plan various types of worship services. In the Wesley Foundation chapel at Florida State University, Sunday morning church services and evening vespers are regular events. Morning devotions are held three times weekly, and special services are planned for Easter and Christmas seasons. 2.) Students need to explore their religious beliefs and develop their faith just as they grow in secular knowledge. Florida State Wesley Foundation offers study classes each semester through eight different courses such as "Old Testament," "Life and Teachings of Jesus," "Comparative Religions." Some Wesley Foundations can give college credit for such courses. At the Wesley Center in Nashville, Sunday evening discussions led by professors confront students with varied religious and social concerns. 3.) Christian fellowship is important, and is found in social events—parties, suppers, informal drop-ins at any time during the week. Wesley Foundations furnish homey lounges in which students meet their friends for study, chats, and refreshments. For some students the Wesley Foundation is the center of campus social life. 4.) Other students find action projects more interesting, and give time to social action projects as citizenship seminars, human relations workshops, study of government, community service, and political life. A Washington State College group painted a small mission church in Idaho during semester break last year. 5.) Creative talents are discovered and expressed through drama, student-led programs, newspaper writing and editing, art work, and choruses which the Foundations sponsor. The University of Miami Wesley Choir has visited many nearby churches to present concerts. 6.) Wesley Foundations cooperate with other denominational groups on the campus in ecumenical ventures such as interfaith councils, religious emphasis week, and joint study groups. These encounters permit exchange of ideas and greater outreach to the total campus community.

Who does the planning for these activities? Students forming councils and committees, Wesley Foundation directors, faculty members, and board members share in the molding of Wesley Foundation programs. Interested students, faculty, and the directors all have a part in putting the many plans into effect.

For a Methodist student group to become a fully-accredited Wesley Foundation, certain standards must be met. The training of personnel, the program, the organizational structure, the building facilities, the relationship and support of the community churches, and the financial plan are evaluated in the accreditation process. Today there are 168 accredited Wesley Foundations.

Secretaries of Student Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are necessary links in the Wesley Foundation program. The Woman's Society can inform and educate the local congregation as to the purpose and meaning of Wesley Foundation and its work. Young people attending colleges where there are Wesley Foundations should be encouraged to participate in the program, and the Foundations should be notified of their coming through sending *Methodist Student Information Cards.** In these ways and many others, the Woman's Society can help The Methodist Church, through the Wesley Foundation, reach more of the Methodist students.

* Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

YOUTH WORK

A TIMELY STUDY

MANY times every day our attention is focused on the Middle East. This happens as we listen to newscasts, read daily papers and magazines, and participate in conversation. In fact, current headlines will contribute to discussion and observations in study classes and work groups.

Quotable Quotes

In late summer a group of missionary leaders whose service in the Middle East totals over 130 years met to consider suggestions to enrich the study about that part of the world. We quote from a statement which they prepared.

"As we in the churches look at the Middle East we are aware of the extent to which this storied crossroads of three continents is conditioned by its chequered history. Seen against this background, many current problems of justice and peace appear intractable.

"As Christians, we rejoice in the continuing witness of our sister churches in the Middle East, whose roots, despite a frequently hostile environment, go deep in ancient lands. These churches share in the worldwide Christian fellowship reflected in the ecumenical and missionary movements. Our Christian concern for the welfare and advancement of Middle Eastern peoples and for the larger issues of world peace is consequently intensified.

"The significance of the Middle East in the world balance of power, and the temptations which its vulnerability presents to contending power blocs, underscore the importance of frank and persistent consultations at every available level. To this end the procedures and instruments of the United Nations should be utilized to the full, together with both the regular channels of diplomacy and such special modes of consultation as a conference of heads of state within the U.N. framework.

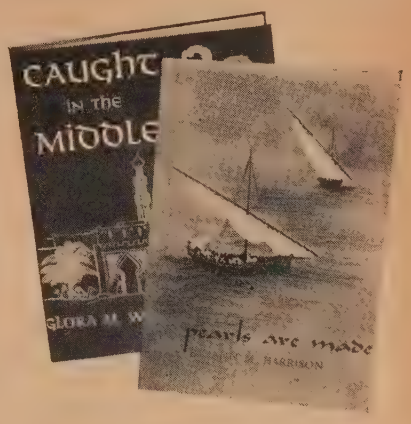
"A word about the attitude of Christians in the west toward the peoples and problems of the Middle East—In a rapidly changing situation heavily overlaid with propaganda and cliches, we have a responsibility to seek the facts necessary for a clear comprehension of the real issues. We need always to remember that behind the problems are fellow human beings, who need our sympathetic understanding. We have a duty to cultivate attitudes of patience and forbearance. We have an obligation to be alert to opportunities for Christian service and works of reconciliation."

MYF Studies

Members of the MYF will participate in a study of the Middle East in January. The missionary units on this theme are listed in the free leaflet "Missionary Materials for Youth." This study promises to be both timely and interesting.

The MYF council will work out plans for this mission study. The Secretary of Youth Work should be well acquainted with the many resources for this study. She should help make them available to the MYF and especially to the council, planning committee, and teachers.

It is always well to relate study to giving. The 1958 fall issue of "The Methodist Youth Fund Bulletin" shows the Methodist Youth Fund at work in the Middle East. One article tells about what is being done in some mid-eastern countries through the significant program of the committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature. Another article gives a glimpse into the work being done by



RAVEMCCO (the Radio, Visual Education, and Mass Communications Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America.)

Visual resources include:

"Mid-East Profile"—A motion picture in which the complex world of the Middle East is unfolded with a close look at today's religious, social, and political problems, and the response and tactics of the Christian mission there. (Runs 29 minutes; rents for $8.00 in black and white, and $12.00 in color from The Methodist Publishing House which serves you.)

"South of the Clouds"—A black and white film on the status of women in Muslim lands. In the Near East two girls coming from different backgrounds meet in the Christian college of Beirut. The girl from the wealthy Muslim family learns from her new Christian friend and the school the meaning of service to her people. (Runs 36 minutes and may be rented for $6.00 from The Methodist Publishing House which serves you.)

"Problems Are Human Beings"

"What we must never forget is that Middle Easterners are people—people important in the sight of God, people who have a vital contribution to make to the world today and tomorrow." *

* Glora Wysner, *Caught in the Middle*. Used by permission of Friendship Press, 257 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

CHILDREN'S WORK

MISSIONARY STUDY FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

AN EXCITING time awaits primary and junior boys and girls in their missionary study this year. Giving to others at Christmastime prepares the way for a growing experience of sharing with others who live in lands other than their own.

The approved themes for missionary study for Methodist boys and girls this year are "Mexico," and "Concerns of North American Neighbors."

Plans for missionary study should be made by the Council of Children's Workers well in advance of the study. The Secretary of Children's Work, as she meets with the Council of Children's Workers, will need to be ready with suggestions and materials for use as resources for enrichment of Sunday-school lessons. She should enter into the plans for additional sessions and may be asked to be one of the teachers for these sessions.

The units of work for primary and junior boys and girls in the Group Graded lessons are prepared to emphasize the study on "Mexico." The following materials will appear in January, 1959:

Primary: "A Methodist Family in Mexico." This unit will help boys and girls discover how a family in Mexico lives. They will learn about the work of the church and its place in the daily life of the family. Children will be helped to understand ways in which they, too, may share in the missionary enterprise.

Junior: "The Methodist Church in Mexico." This unit is written to help juniors learn something about the history and the beginning of the church in Mexico. It will help them to see some of the ways in which the city and rural churches of today are working to meet the needs of the people. Children will learn ways of sharing through their own gifts and offerings.

Missionary units in Closely Graded materials for primary and junior boys and girls will appear in the winter quarter, January and February, 1959. They are as follows:

Primary: "Homes for All," Course I, Part 2, and "Children Go to Church Around the World," Course III may be enriched by using materials on Mexico. The primary reading book, *Mateo of Mexico*, by Ella Huff Kepple, will increase the interest in Mexico for boys and girls. Resource materials on Alaska may be used with the unit, "Many People in Our Country," Course II, Part 2. Boys and girls will enjoy the reading book, *Leo of Alaska*, by Edith Agnew, when they are studying this unit.

Junior: In January and February junior children may use the materials on "Mexico" with the units, "The Bible Goes Around the World," Course IV, Part 2, and "The Church Around the World," Course VI, Part 2.

Additional Sessions for Missionary Education

It is advisable to plan for additional sessions in missionary education, whenever possible, to be held concurrently with missionary study in the regular Sunday-school sessions. In addition to the materials appearing in *Child Guidance in Christian Living* in January, 1959, with helps for "Additional Sessions for Juniors," the following materials may be used for this missionary emphasis:

Mexico: *Primary: Our Mexican Neighbors,** by Lula Doyle Baird, Abingdon Press, 50¢. This is a ten-session unit designed to help boys and girls learn about The Methodist Church in rural Mexico.

*Junior: Spreading the Gospel in Mexico,** by Ida Binger Hubbard, Abingdon Press, 50¢. This ten-session unit will help boys and girls understand something about the growth of The Methodist Church in Mexico.

Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors: *Primary: Leo of Alaska,** by Edith Agnew, Friendship Press, $1.50. This is a story about a small Indian boy who learns the meaning of love and friendship as he tries to make adjustments in the church-related children's home. The Primary Guide on *Leo of Alaska,** by Mattie Lula Cooper, Friendship Press, 65¢, may be used with this unit.

*Junior: Ten Pairs of Shoes,** by Mae Hurley Ashworth, Friendship Press, $1.50, is a reading book of ten delightful stories about boys and girls who live in the North American neighborhood. A Junior Guide on *Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors,** by Nina Millen, Friendship Press, 65¢, may be used with this unit.

Other reading books which may be used for the enrichment of these missionary units are:

*Mateo of Mexico,** by Ella Huff Kepple, Friendship Press, $1.50. Primary children will enjoy this delightful story of a little Mexican boy and his family as they experience many new adventures in town and country.

*Wishes Come True,** by Jeanette Perkins Brown, Friendship Press, 90¢, contains four missionary stories about Puerto Rican children.

*Flaco,** by Dorothy Westlake Andrews, Friendship Press, $1.50, is a junior story which tells about the work, the play, and many of the things Flaco and his family do as they move into a new community. Flaco earns a special position in his community which proves to be a unique one.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

LITERATURE and PUBLICATIONS

"THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR"

IT'S Christmas time again and our thoughts turn toward gifts for friends and loved ones. Our first consideration is a gift which is the gift of all gifts because it serves as a guide to our prayer life. It also strengthens the work we so dearly love, for "prayer changes things."

The *Prayer Calendar* of last year had a great appeal, for it listed not only the missionaries of the Woman's Division but also of the Division of World Missions. This year missionaries of the Division of National Missions have been added. This answers an expressed need, as we have a comprehensive listing of all missionaries of our church, as well as special days in which their work and activity is stressed. Buy a number for Christmas gifts—60 cents; 3 for $1.50. A lovely gift instead of a Christmas card. Order at once.

There is truly a "song in the air" when you give a child or his teacher *The Whole World Singing* by Edith Lovell Thomas. Between gay and colorful covers is a collection of ninety-six songs of every description that are sung in many lands. Included are work and play songs, hymns, psalms, chanteys, lullabies, patriotic tunes, and country airs from forty different countries. An attractive gift—$1.95.

Here's How and When by Armilda B. Keiser is a stimulating book on ways the teacher can help the child express himself. It contains source materials for games, recipes, puppetry, gift making, dramatizations, diorama, picture exhibits, and a host of other attractive ideas. A perfect Christmas remembrance for your church-school teacher friend—$1.95.

Another charming gift for this teacher friend is *Let's Play a Story*, by Elizabeth Allstrom. Children love to act out stories. This is a book for the adult who is interested in helping children to grow through the learning and acting out of stories. Price, $1.95.

Other gifts for adults include the pins of the Woman's Society of Christian Service—gold on sterling, $1.50 each, including federal tax. Past President's pin—solid gold, $6.00 including federal tax. Wesleyan Service Guild pins—gold filled, $2.70 each, including federal tax; solid gold, $3.60 each, including federal tax.

A subscription sent to a friend for Christmas is a twelve-month remembrance.

THE METHODIST WOMAN	$1.50
WORLD OUTLOOK	2.00
In combination—both at a bargain	3.30

A gift card will be sent to your friend. Send your subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

For the little ones see pages 16, 17, and 18 of *The Catalog of Literature 1958-59* for most attractive gift books.

You will indeed have "a song in your heart" if your Christmas shopping is accomplished in this way. Write today to Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio, and place your order early. The song in your heart will echo in that of the recipient of your gift.

STILL REPORTING

Churches which secured five or more new combination subscriptions:

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Black River, New York; Mrs. Vernon Nichols (7)

THE METHODIST CHURCH, Wheatley, Arkansas; Mrs. Robert Nash (11)

ROBERTS PARK METHODIST CHURCH, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. Rudy Baganz (7)

CALVARY METHODIST CHURCH, Lake Worth, Florida; Mrs. L. R. Case (6)

TEANECK METHODIST CHURCH, Teaneck, New Jersey; Mrs. B. P. Wilder (10)

Getting Ready for School—Leaders of the Idaho 1958 School of Missions and Christian Service unpack in preparation for the opening of the five-day school at the College of Idaho. From left are Mrs. Elva Mason, Buhl, dean; Mrs. Karl Johnson, Pocatello, conference secretary of Literature and Publications; Mrs. Kenneth Black, Caldwell, local arrangements chairman; Miss Marie Corner, Seattle, retired missionary to India; Mrs. C. A. Meeker, New York City, editor, THE METHODIST WOMAN; Mrs. Martin Miller, Glenns Ferry, registrar; and Mrs. Leonard Clark, Payette, school chairman.

Caldwell, Idaho, News-Tribune

FINANCIAL CONFERENCE REPORT FOR

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOARD

CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS

Jurisdiction	Adult	W.S.G.	Paid on Pledge 1958-59	Total Pledged 1958-59	Youth	Children	Total on Appropriations 1958-59
Central:							
Central Alabama				$ 1,200 00			
Central West	$ 476.00		$ 476.00	1,900 00	$ 126.00	$ 56.75	$ 658.75
Delaware	2,200.00	$ 25.00	2,225.00	11,500 00			2,225.00
East Tennessee	100.00	32.00	132.00	1,350 00	52 24		184.24
Florida	375.00	20.00	395.00	1,650 00	7 00	7.00	409.00
Georgia	196.00	15.00	211.00	7,150 00	11 00		222.00
Lexington	1,482.00	200.00	1,682.00	12,000 00	44 88		1,726.88
Louisiana	474.71	53.00	527.71	4,750 00	2 00		529.71
Mississippi	247.00	44.50	291.50	5,865 00	11.00	2.75	305.25
North Carolina	217.00	1.25	218.25	2,200 00			218.25
South Carolina	1,000.00	80.05	1,080.05	5,200 00			1,080.05
Southwest	154.49		154.49	1,500 00			154.49
Tennessee	359.00	41.00	400.00	3,300 00	6.00	2.00	408.00
Texas	775.00	75.00	850.00	4,105 00	121.00		971.00
Upper Mississippi				1,000 00			
Washington	461.05	279.25	740.30	11,200 00	164.27	7.50	912 07
West Texas	200.00		200.00	2,600 00			200.00
Central Jurisdiction							
Total	8,717.25	866.05	9,583.30	79,670.00	545.39	76.00	10,204 69
North Central:							
Detroit	14,328.82	406.34	14,735.16	171,500.00	327.50	68.54	15,131.20
Central Illinois	39,493.43	1,356.50	40,849.93	189,776.00	3,537 77	337.96	44,725.66
Indiana	18,435.40	1,000.28	19,435.68	125,000.00	1,914 00	248.00	21,597.68
Michigan	9,727.61	456.95	10,184.56	107,000.00	2,012 69	203.94	12,401.19
Minnesota	4,547.40	110.92	4,658.32	100,000.00	2,371 00	337.00	7,366.32
North Dakota	1,068.19	70 00	1,158.19	26,500.00	221 50	23.00	1,397.69
North Indiana	12,991 71	459.23	13,450.94	150,000.00	3,347 50	144.00	16,942.44
North Iowa	14,996 64	442.79	15,439.43	170,000.00	4,254 25	211.75	19,905.43
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Northwest Indiana	4,892.56	254.92	5,147.48	84,000.00	1,558 73	54.49	6,760.70
Ohio	30,188.01	1,494.37	31,682.38	350,000.00	8,266 53	891.88	40,840.79
Rock River	8,777.74	506 82	9,284.56	229,178.00	2,811 00	389.00	12,484.56
South Dakota	3,868.94	43.00	3,911.94	38,000.00			3,911 94
South Iowa	11,801.01	524.02	12,325.03	131,000.00	5,450 99	182.72	17,958.74
Southern Illinois	12,723.39	1,592.15	14,315.54	67,500.00	656 63	101.79	15,073.96
West Wisconsin	7,239.20	56.86	7,296.06	44,500.00	1,123 99	22.02	8,442.07
Wisconsin	4,863.97	160.00	5,023.97	65,300.00	722 08		5,812.05
North Central Jurisdiction							
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Northeastern:							
Baltimore	17,591.36	675.11	18,266.47	135,000.00	2,762 21	51.72	21,081.00
Central New York	4,344 24	81.57	4,425.81	55,600.00	719 50	14.00	5,159.31
Central Pennsylvania	6,800 39	37.50	6,837.89	60,000.00	943 43	99.43	7,882.75
Erie	8,587.53	35.00	8,622.53	91,000.00	831 25	304.06	9,758.44
Genesee	3,629.94	145.00	3,775.94	74,000.00	801 90		4,577.84
Maine	1,393.42		1,393.42	10,500.00	137 54	1.67	1,533.63
New England	4,386.05	155.00	4,931.05	39,000.00	2,199 59	30.03	7,220.67
New England Southern	366.79		366.79	26,000.00	446 50		813.29
New Hampshire	623.38	124.69	748.07	8,700.00	47 63	.85	796.55
New Jersey	7,413.63	67.50	7,486.13	62,110.00	950 20	87.57	8,523.90
New York	5,180.62	592.06	5,773.68	43,500.00	159 99	9.28	5,942.95
New York East	10,863.21	383.68	11,246.89	61,200.00	1,802 76	59.09	13,108.74
Newark	12,522.75	271.10	12,793.85	81,700.00	1,292 84	40.67	14,127.36
Northern New York	2,014.65	47.00	2,061.65	31,750.00	420 50	5.00	2,547.15
Pennsylvania	7,792.46	85.55	7,842.91	50,000.00	1,212 50	70.31	9,124.82
Philadelphia	11,872.55	475.45	12,248.00	110,000.00	394 75	52.63	12,795.38
Pittsburgh	20,145.00	349.12	20,494.12	195,000.00	824.60	166.78	21,485.45
Puerto Rico Provisional				25.00			
Troy	9,407.12	95.00	9,502.12	59,500.00	615.40	21.73	10,139.25
West Virginia	27,530.26	2,120.06	29,650.32	136,000.00	2,767.20	147.67	32,565.19
Wyoming	2,317.63	60.00	2,377.63	57,000.00		4.65	8,982.28
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South Central:							
Central Kansas	16,219.60	983.99	17,203.59	179,000.00	2,477.10	192.83	19,873.52
Central Texas	15,537.88	3,796.08	19,333.96	95,000.00	1,823.53	118.87	21,276.36
Indian Mission	173.27		173.27	1,400.00	45.12		218.39
Kansas	6,861.09	761.56	7,622.65	112,200.00	957.50	165.00	8,745.15
Little Rock	14,533.00	2,687.00	17,220.00	77,400.00	1,193.72	30.62	18,444.34

FIRST THREE MONTHS 1958—1959

OF MISSIONS—THE METHODIST CHURCH
Treasurer

DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

Total on Appropriations 1957-58	Appropriations		Week of Prayer (Including W.S.G.)	Cash for Supply Work	Supplementary Gifts	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Bequests	Total Receipts
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2,714.59	2,547.15			284.90	1,489 98			4,322 03
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12,853.38	7,970.39	4,824.99	5.00	2,034.65				14,835 03
18,370.66	16,010.45	5,475.00		1,567.16				23,052 61
100.00								
9,640.16	10,139.25			102.50				10,241.75
31,771.41	30,015.19	2,550.00		2,655 39	70 50	83.34		35,374 42
9,170.77	6,482.29	2,499.99		146.00	38.00			9,166.28
183,373.00	161,399.93	36,766.02	82.40	14,451.72	5,719.11	83.34		218,502.52
18,074.64	19,586.03	287.49	22.74	993.61	107.07	87.72		21,084.66
18,467.01	21,276.36		4.00	2,414 68	1,180.43	35.52		24,910 99
320.75	218.39			4.42				222.81
7,372.81	8,745.15		1.00	883.00				9,629.15
20,004.05	18,444.34		21.00	1,263.88	74.40	31.02		19,834.64

FINANCIAL CONFERENCE REPORT FOR

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOARD

CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS

Jurisdiction	Adult	W.S.G.	Paid on Pledge 1958-59	Total Pledged 1958-59	Youth	Children	Total on Appropriations 1958-59
South Central (Continued):							
Louisiana	$ 14,633.88	$ 2,287.77	$ 16,921.65	$ 104,400.00	$ 1,354.84	$ 45.74	$ 18,322.23
Missouri	8,233.28	658.17	8,891.45	50,000.00	616.57	46.01	9,554.03
Nebraska	8,465.97	510.15	8,976.12	176,000.00	963.66	88.72	10,028.50
New Mexico	5,031.50	868.50	5,900.00	28,200.00		1.15	5,901.15
North Arkansas	10,218.33	3,481.50	13,699.83	58,500.00	917.87	7.30	14,625.00
North Texas	22,651.41	3,298.10	25,949.51	116,921.00	1,361.74	36.05	27,347.30
Northwest Texas	14,592.11	2,565.51	17,157.62	77,500.00	3,075.47	34.79	20,267.88
Oklahoma	30,434.84	4,478.83	34,913.67	173,000.00	2,855.09	257.12	38,025.88
Rio Grande	174.25		174.25	1,500.00	30.05		204.30
St. Louis	17,873.90	2,479.06	20,352.96	85,000.00	283.68	27.50	20,664.14
Southwest Missouri	10,681.91	1,735.35	12,417.26	90,400.00	111.75	19.51	12,548.52
Southwest Texas	20,626.16	4,253.38	24,879.54	119,000.00	3,323.70	5.00	28,208.24
Texas	34,301.88	5,525.41	39,827.29	175,000.00	2,540.10	349.04	42,716.43
South Central Jurisdiction		5.00	5.00				5.00
Total	251,244.26	40,375.36	291,619.62	1,720,421.00	23,931.49	1,425.25	316,976.36
Southeastern:							
Alabama-West Florida	16,141.58	2,876.93	19,018.51	92,000.00	775.52	57.07	19,851.10
Cuba Mission	195.00		195.00	500.00	116.77		311.77
Florida	38,300.69	3,394.77	41,695.46	165,000.00	3,308.26	140.83	45,144.55
Holston	27,085.09	4,605.98	31,691.07	140,000.00	3,512.73	123.98	35,327.78
Kentucky	9,682.90	2,269.27	11,952.17	78,000.00	1,140.25	76.79	13,169.21
Louisville	13,286.37	1,353.50	14,639.87	72,000.00	1,588.08		16,227.95
Memphis	17,268.69	4,110.86	21,379.55	90,750.00	1,183.02	92.08	22,654.65
Mississippi	12,897.61	3,685.95	16,583.56	74,000.00	2,514.27	39.71	19,137.54
North Alabama	18,624.42	4,397.21	23,021.63	106,000.00	1,867.22	50.21	24,939.06
North Carolina	14,194.58	2,906.99	17,101.57	136,750.00		27.23	17,128.80
North Georgia	34,230.00	8,555.00	42,785.00	175,000.00	2,734.06	169.32	45,688.38
North Mississippi	10,290.59	1,302.79	11,593.38	62,100.00	1,663.13	22.50	13,279.01
South Carolina	31,344.94	4,125.03	35,469.97	152,500.00	1,611.82	121.50	37,203.29
South Georgia	26,595.79	4,186.12	30,781.91	141,100.00	1,567.32	168.00	32,517.23
Tennessee	19,392.95	3,720.61	23,113.56	105,000.00	1,750.19	113.17	24,976.92
Virginia	43,436.57	4,180.00	47,616.57	230,000.00	6,142.37	424.22	54,183.16
Western North Carolina	33,238.88	6,332.39	39,571.27	160,000.00	2,462.48	72.80	42,106.55
Southeastern Jurisdiction	15.00		15.00				15.00
Total	366,221.65	62,003.40	428,225.05	1,980,700.00	33,937.49	1,699.41	463,861.95
Western:							
Alaska Mission	558.00		558.00	1,982.00	28.62		586.62
California-Nevada	20,666.51	3,006.47	23,672.98	112,000.00	2,335.70	39.58	26,048.26
Hawaii Mission				2,200.00			
Idaho	2,676.61	85.00	2,761.61	16,736.00	364.07	14.57	3,140.25
Montana	3,206.48		3,206.48	20,600.00	757.07	1.00	3,964.55
Oregon	8,261.06	195.52	8,456.58	53,955.00	1,445.97	13.00	9,915.55
Pacific Japanese Provisional	250.00	78.00	328.00	1,250.00	58.01		386.01
Pacific Northwest	10,971.40	656.05	11,627.45	78,000.00	1,306.20	82.79	13,016.44
Rocky Mountain	8,027.74	762.88	8,790.62	62,000.00	1,337.78	269.48	10,397.88
Southern California-Arizona	39,821.98	2,745.63	42,567.61	257,000.00	4,230.44	123.98	46,922.03
Western Jurisdiction							
Total	94,439.78	7,529.55	101,969.33	605,723.00	11,863.86	544.40	114,377.59
Total from Conferences	1,115,330.98	125,949.42	1,241,280.40	7,987,413.00	132,392.35	8,564.32	1,382,237.07
Other Income for Appropriations:							
Deaconess Pension Fund							17,147.67
Enrolled Home Missionary Pension Fund							296.33
Interest Income Allocated from Permanent and Restricted Funds							
Miscellaneous and Gifts for Appropriations							3,732.54
							21,176.54
Grand Total	$1,115,330.98	$ 125,949.42	$1,241,280.40	$7,987,413.00	$132,392.35	$ 8,564.32	$1,403,413.61

FIRST THREE MONTHS 1958—1959

OF MISSIONS—THE METHODIST CHURCH
Treasurer

DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

Total on Appropriations 1957-58	Appropriations: General	Appropriations: Conference Work	Week of Prayer (Including W.S.G.)	Cash for Supply Work	Supplementary Gifts	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Bequests	Total Receipts
$ 17,938.48	$ 18,322.23		$ 14.12	$ 3,502.54				$ 21,838.89
9,619.35	9,554.03			1,043.76	$ 150.00	$ 30.10		10,777.89
11,958.33	7,418.50	$ 2,610.00		878.15	30.00			10,936.65
5,608.62	5,901.15		10.15	1,755.34	34.00	21.00		7,721.64
14,560.00	14,625.00		22.72	2,274.66				16,922.38
23,964.95	27,347.30		1.25	2,451.43	69.14			29,869.12
19,925.64	20,267.88			2,424.95	1,308.50			24,001.33
34,922.83	38,025.88		53.42	4,540.92	850.30	79.19		43,549.71
328.75	204.30			38.00				242.30
20,824.00	20,664.14		11.37	2,205.22	140.00	35.72		23,056.45
12,485.41	12,548.52			1,078.90	40.00			13,667.42
24,194.62	28,208.24		53.00	3,894.60	212.09			32,367.93
42,223.85	42,716.43		56.81	5,073.40	8,709.97	63.62		56,620.23
335.00	5.00							5.00
303,129.09	314,078.87	2,897.49	271.58	36,721.46	12,905.90	383.89		367,259.19
18,714.41	19,851.10		8.31	1,360.08	827.10			22,046.59
50.00	311.77		324.35		75.50			711.62
41,945.61	45,144.55			2,238.90	5,626.50	150.00		53,159.95
27,462.75	35,327.78		169.47	3,501.20	2,584.34			41,582.79
14,612.89	13,169.21			1,369.50				14,538.71
10,135.11	16,227.95			1,331.12	3,300.00			20,859.07
22,680.01	22,654.65		87.35	1,694.57	448.97			24,885.54
14,130.39	19,137.54		18.40	894.04				20,049.98
25,075.65	24,189.06	750.00	101.90	2,653.89	7,746.49			35,441.34
33,488.13	17,128.80		8.00	4,173.19	15,200.00			36,509.99
44,423.66	45,688.38		49.75	4,013.30	2,966.94	80.80		52,799.17
10,553.38	13,279.01		5.00	619.33				13,903.34
36,083.73	37,203.29		55.27	3,306.37	2,187.15			42,752.08
29,926.52	32,517.23		161.16	3,047.57	1,095.00			36,820.96
23,506.38	20,207.94	4,768.98	21.75	1,673.25	15.00			26,686.92
49,732.09	53,183.16	1,000.00	121.65	8,934.34	4,950.00			68,189.15
45,016.38	42,106.55		65.41	4,702.69	7,912.70			54,787.35
100.00	15.00				292.27			307.27
447,637.09	457,342.97	6,518.98	1,197.77	45,513.34	55,227.96	230.80		566,031.82
530.25	586.62			42.50	5.00			634.12
20,036.58	25,098.26	950.00	31.45	3,333.32	142.50			29,555.53
3,271.57	3,140.25			275.00	10.00			3,425.25
5,012.28	3,164.55	800.00		466.59				4,431.14
10,085.42	8,790.55	1,125.00		1,035.16				10,950.71
100.00	386.01							386.01
10,527.27	12,816.44	200.00	5.00	497.75	162.76			13,681.95
6,449.13	9,847.89	549.99		169.99	430.42			10,998.29
43,545.87	45,497.03	1,425.00		4,150.63	2,370.31			53,442.97
101.40								
99,659.77	109,327.60	5,049.99	36.45	9,970.94	3,120.99			127,505.97
1,316,133.06	1,306,273.31	75,963.76	2,101.01	123,164.42	81,698.90	899.33	619.44	1,590,720.17
15,861.92	17,147.67							17,147.67
311.66	296.33							296.33
4,045.94	3,732.54							3,732.54
20,219.52	21,176.54							21,176.54
$ 1,336,352.58	$ 1,327,449.85	$ 75,963.76	$ 2,101.01	$ 123,164.42	$ 81,698.90	$ 899.33	$ 619.44	$1,611,896.71

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PAKISTAN—Misses Sandra Foley, Dorothy Kraft, Mary Winn.

SOUTHEAST ASIA—*Malaya*—Misses Caroline Plank, Joanne M. Hornby, Doris Jean Wilson.

In Memoriam

***Miss Lydia Sadler Pool*, retired missionary to India, was born November 14, 1876, near Burlington, Iowa. She was educated at Iowa Wesleyan College, receiving her B.A. degree in 1898. In 1902, she took a short course at the Chicago Training School. While on furlough she attended the National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois. An honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, was granted to her in 1948 at the fiftieth anniversary of her graduation by Iowa Wesleyan College.**

Miss Pool sailed for India in October, 1903. She was appointed Superintendent of Cawnpore Girls' High School where she remained until 1910. During her years of service, she was Superintendent of Christian Normal School at Jabalpur, and in later years she served as Principal of the Girls' School in Khandwa until her pre-retirement furlough in 1946.

Upon retirement, June 1, 1948, she made her home in Burlington, Iowa, where she died September 19, 1958. Her many friends in the United States and India will long remember her with deep affection and appreciation.

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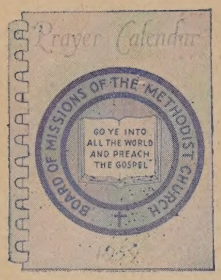

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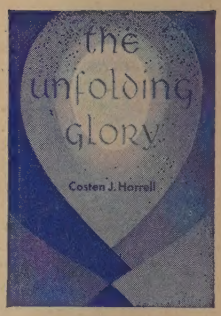

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